

Traveling up NYS Route 26 Bowers Corners to Allentown



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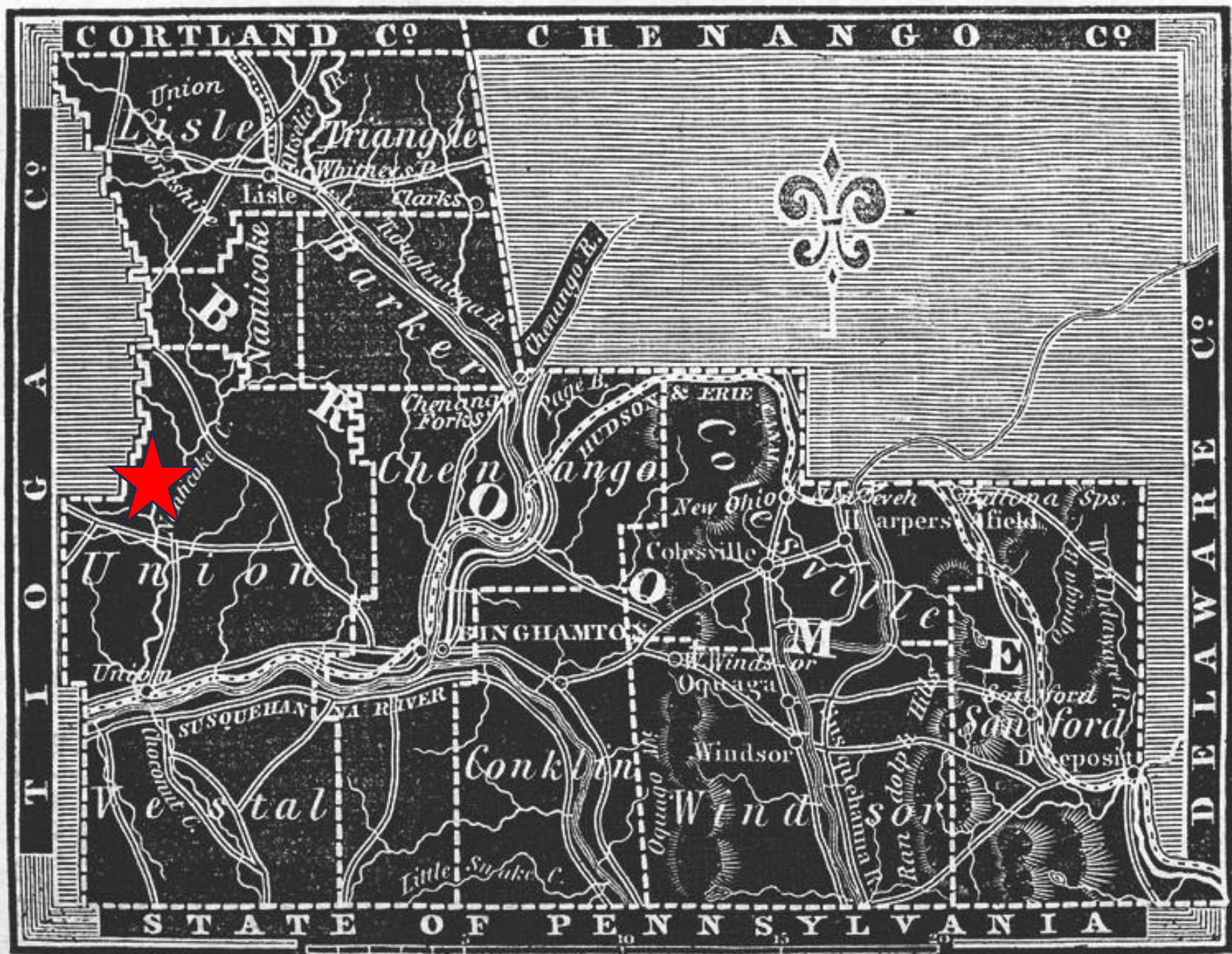
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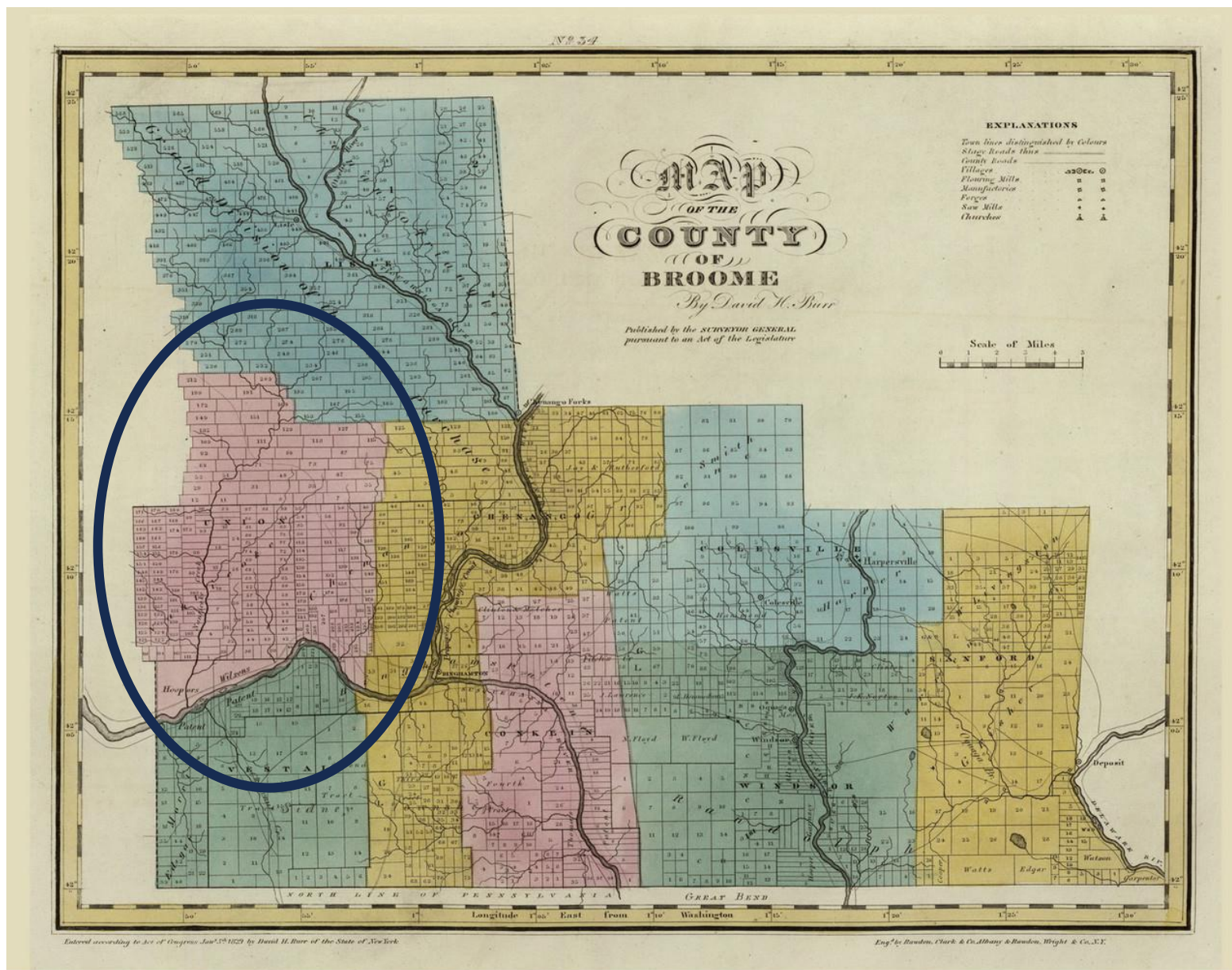
Bowers Museum

13 Nanticoke Road

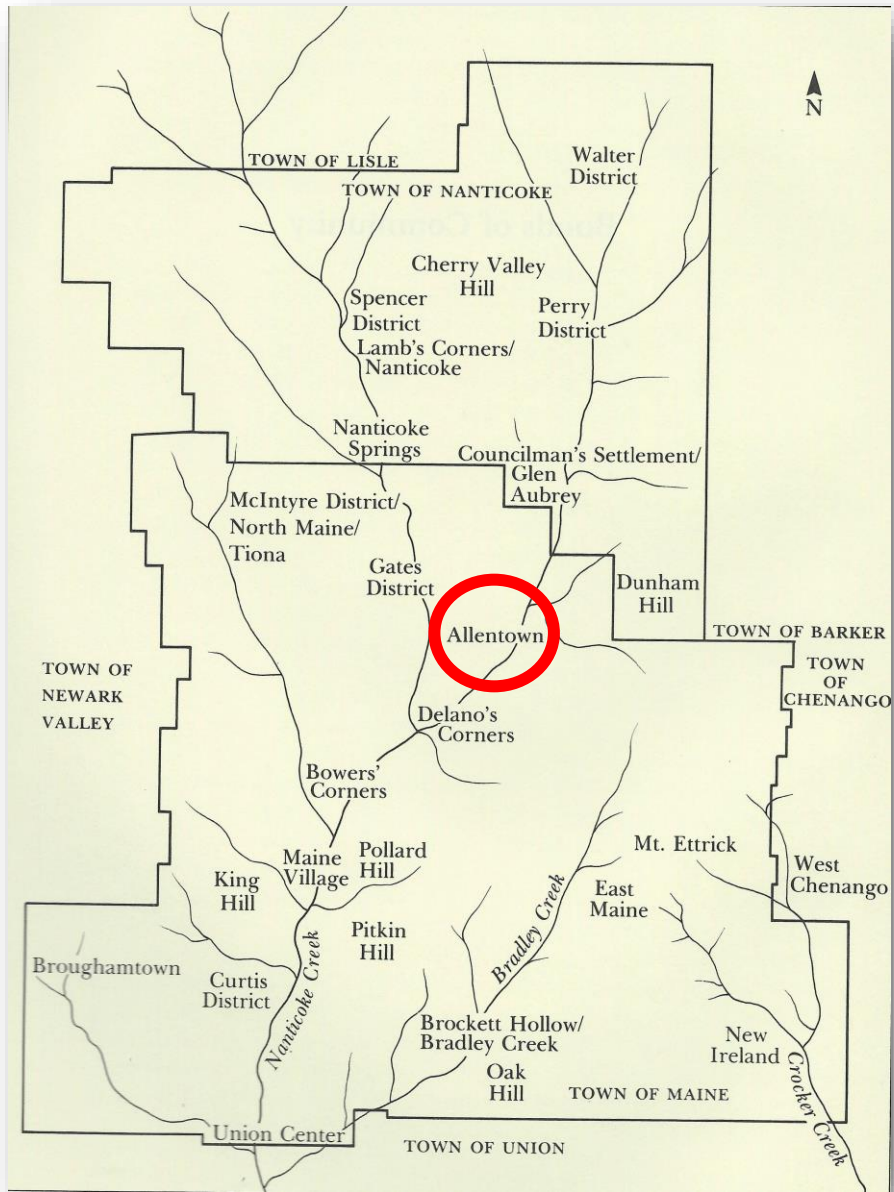
Maine, New York



This 1838 map is one of the oldest in the region. You will notice that there is no town of Maine then and it would not form until March 27, 1848 from the northern part of the town of Union. Only a few roads exist in 1838 in “Maine”. To the north is the **Catskill turnpike** (in Nanticoke), another road which goes from Chenango Point (Binghamton) and an important third road which was a **toll road** which ended around 1835. this road went from the Shadow Brook development to Union and connected the future Maine to the railroads in Endicott and Vestal . The red star is the location of the hamlet of Maine.



This 1829 map shows the location of the various plots of the Massachusetts based Boston Purchase. They acquired and then sold the land which is now in Maine, NY starting on November 7, 1787. The first settler in Maine was Benjamin Norton from Stockbridge, Massachusetts who in 1794 settled where Nanticoke and Tiona roads would be. Other early settlers were: 1795 Alfred and Russell Gates who cut the road from there properties to Union Center, and Jed Dudley in 1796 who settled near todays Maine cemetery. . **Timothy Caswell** in 1815 settled the area which was called the Allen Settlement. A few years later 1821 **John Marean** (lot 152) and in 1836 **Ebenezer and Matthew Allen** (Lot 129) from Otsego county , later **Joseph Patterson Marean** arrives in the 1820's



Small Towns in Maine

Janet Bowers Bothwell, following in her father's footsteps, worked hard to preserve the history and the buildings of the Town of Maine. One of her projects was to have areas designated as historical buildings and districts. She started to work with NYS and Cornell University in the early 1980's - 2002 along with **Barbara E. Ebert** of Ithaca NY to research the hamlet of Allentown, NY to have it be placed in *National Register of Historic Places* as the **Allen Settlement Historic District**. Ms. Ebert did her research and tied it into the 1982 "Blue Sheets" (Building Structure Inventory Form project of 1982) to complete the application. In 1998 Barbara Ebert working through the Cayuga Preservation Consultants of Ithaca, NY contracted with Janet Bowers Bothwell to start this project. Two documents (nine pages and thirteen pages) were written and submitted to the United States Department of the Interior, National Parks Service, National Register of Historic Places for the Allen Settlement in the late spring of 1999. The proposal centered upon five properties: 3379, 3335, 3368, the Allentown cemetery and the one-room schoolhouse at 6 Flint Road (see table on page nine of this presentation). In July of 2022 Barbara Ebert contacted NVHS and mailed her work on this project for us to have. She is currently at 5910 Kensington Ave, Richmond VA, 23226-2636. Her materials are housed in archives of the Nanticoke Valley Historical Society, PO Box 75 Maine, NY 13802

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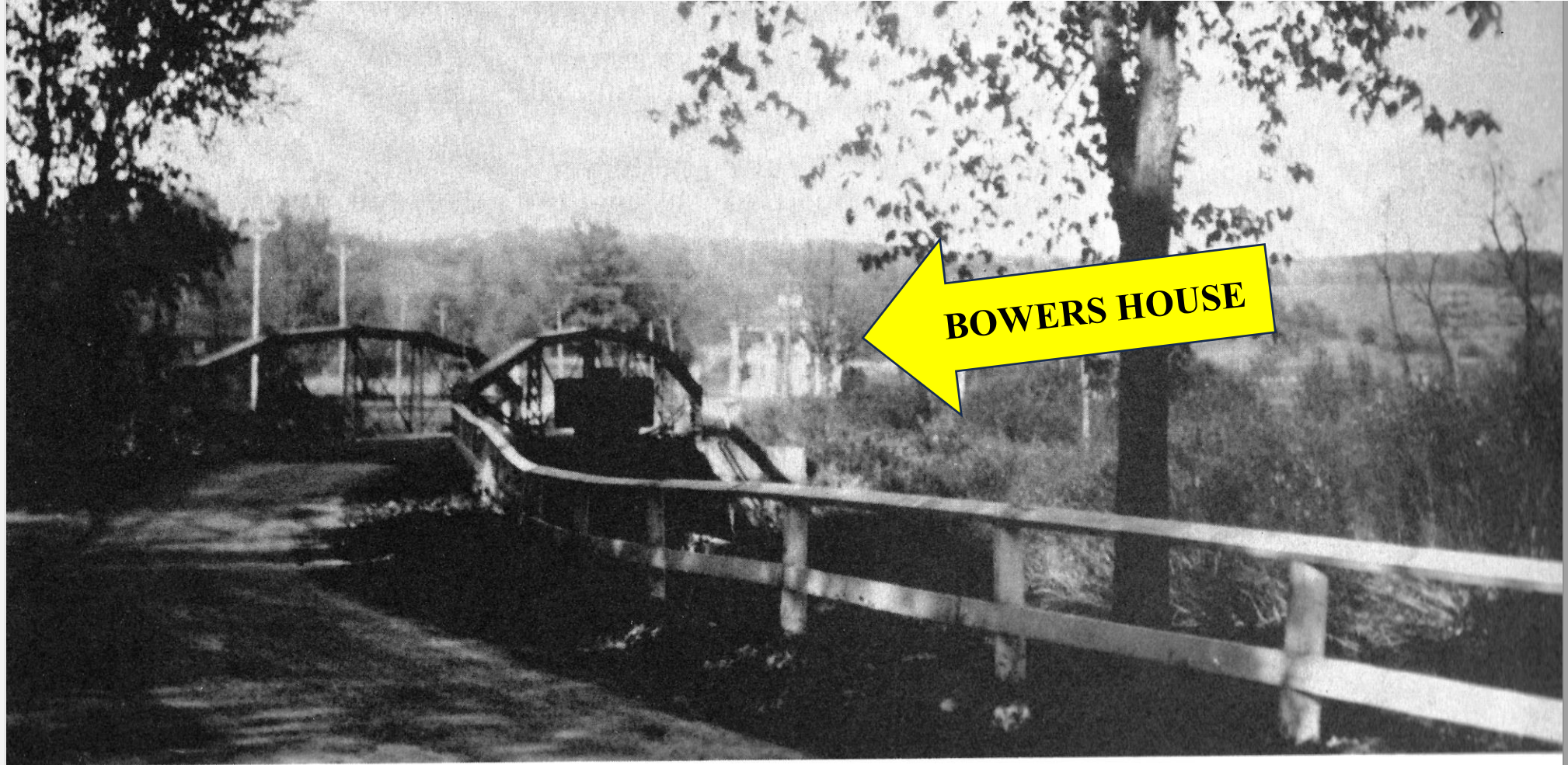
NYS route 26 was not constructed from the museum and further north until around 1938. At Nanticoke and Tiona roads, just north of the Norton Carriage Works, a road went to the east across a bridge over Nanticoke Creek and then northward towards the Grist Mills. (see photo to the left) This bridge was removed around 1938

Bowers Corners ca 1824 was originally called Norton's Corners. This 1973 painting by Clarence Stratton shows the area around 1860. The Norton family home is just west of the Carriage Works. Across the street is a general store. The school is just north on Tiona road. The Bowers house built in 1828 burnt down in 1870 and then rebuilt.

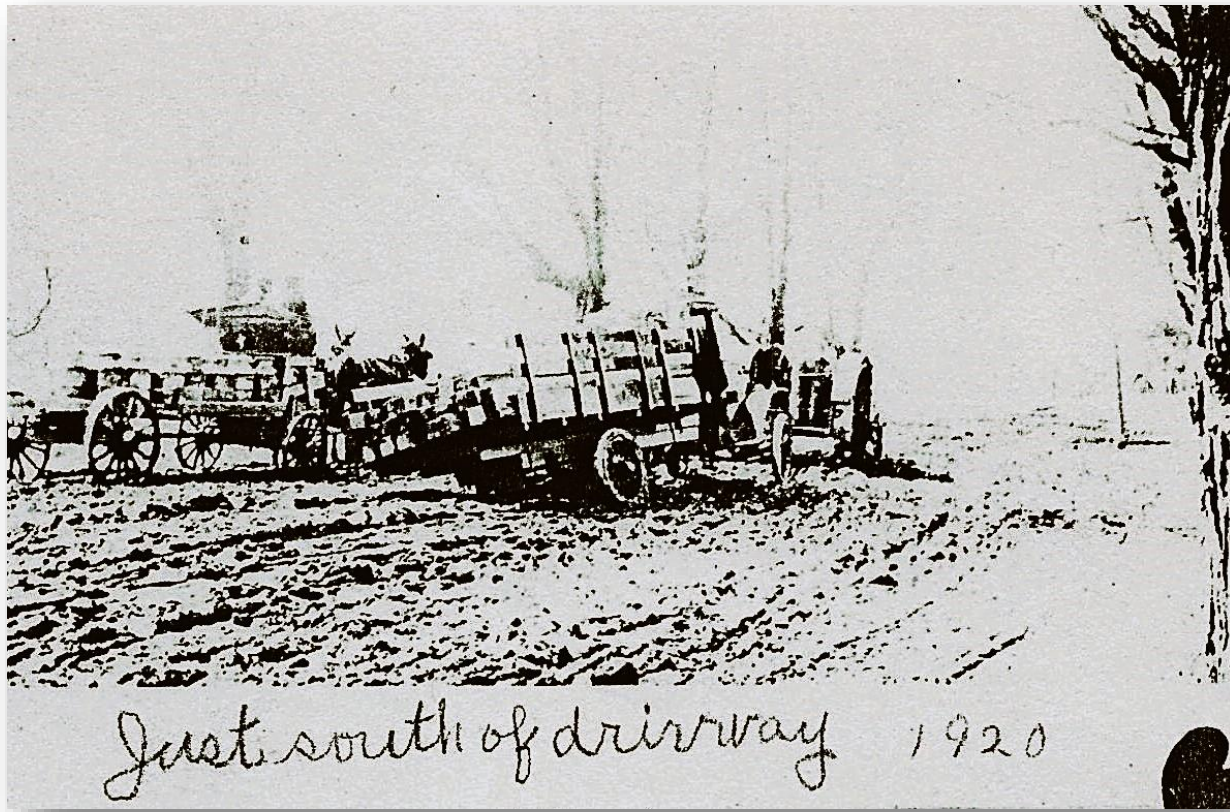


Gardner Sawin Bowers came from New Hampshire around 1822 and met his future wife who lived straight down the road. **Achsah** (1804 – 1875), who was two years younger than Gardner were married in 1827 and went to live in the modest frame house that Gardner had built, with his own hands, half a mile south of the fine mansion of **Andrew Taylor**. They had six children. The youngest, was **LaMont Bowers** (1847 – 1941), a business partner of John D. Rockefeller. LaMont moved to Binghamton NY to a “mansion” on Riverside drive. He lived a wealthy life but kept the house in Bowers Corners. Later his youngest son **Clement** moved into this and later Clement’s daughter **Janet** moved in around 1972.

Bridge across Nanticoke at Bower's Corners – Removed 1937 –LOOKING WEST



Nanticoke Creek Bridge at Bowers Corners (dismantled 1937)



This 1920 photo shows the poor road conditions on Nanticoke Road across from the McGregor house. Mud took over many streets before Macadam roads were universal. The sketch to the right was done by **Franck Bowers**, oldest son of LaMont. It shows the Bowers home in 1837, Nanticoke Road continued north but if you took a right here and crossed the Nanticoke creek bridge the road you were on went north to Glen Aubrey.

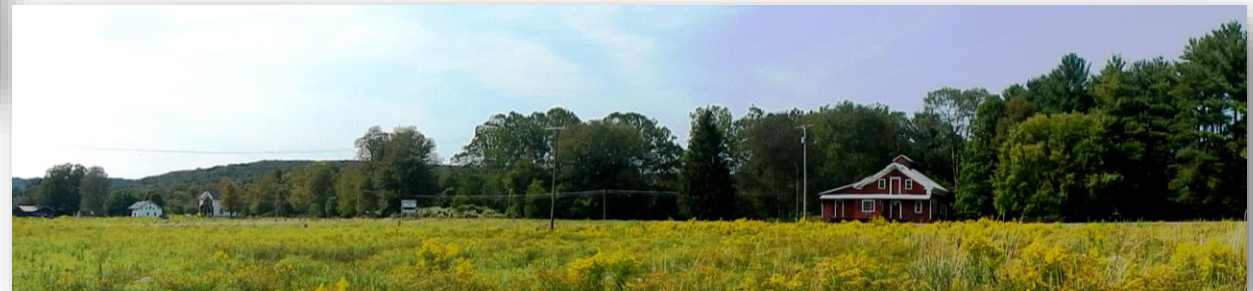
Distance from Old Bridge is miles:	Address	Name Bold print indicates Allen Settlement	Year Built -	Current Owner
0	Old bridge			Removed 1937
0.1	2819	Pitcher's Grist Mills 10-14	1830	NVHS
	2831	Millers House 13	1825	
	2834	Fisher Farm 14-15	1910	Demarco, Louis V
	2876	John Steel Fisher/Bartle/Barnaby 15-16	1828	Barnaby, Henry and Martine R
	2893	Flint/Charles Bowers 17-18	1850	Blair, Mark and Patricia
	2902	Thomas Marean/Pomeroy 19	1818	Moved then dismantled by Mr. Ackley
	2935	Henry Dayton/Gallagher house 20	1840	Coutts, David E. and Glenna P
	3185	Alice's house Tartanian 23-26	1957	Courtney Smith
	3205	Square Deal Sportsman Inc.		
02.1	3218	Payne/Richards/Babbitt 27-28 Hardy rd.	1838	Ackley Daniel D, and Kim M
	6 Flint Road	Old School House district No.4 32-33		
	3335 (Lot 129)	Matthew Allen/Wellington/Carley 40-44	1832	Elliott Philip W and Sarah A
02.6	Across from Flint Rd.	Allentown Cemetery 34-38		
	3368	Marean/ Allen/Whittier House 45-49	1848	McKinley, Sandra and Brian
	3379 (Lot 129)	Ebenezer Allen/Halperin 50-54	1830	Northrup, Richard and Ann M
03.1	3438	Belden Allen/Kimberly's Greenhouse 55-57	1890	Klubek, Todd and Kimberly

2819 State Route 26 ca 1830



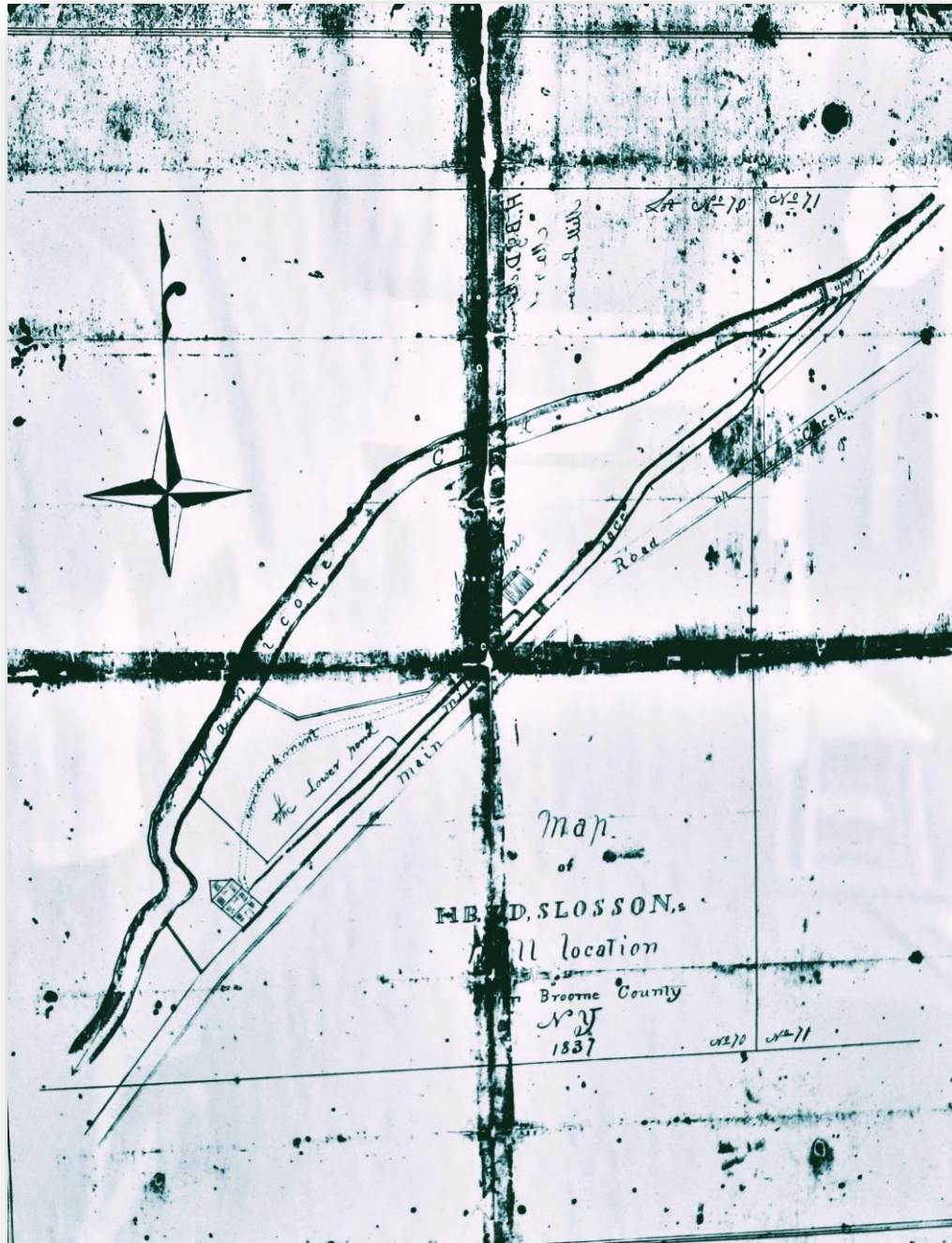
Pitcher's Grist Mills ca 1830 original builders
Slosson Brothers. Closes in 1955.

Pitcher's Grist Mills





Pitcher's Grist Mills has been physically changed over the years but it has always been at this location for around 195 years. This building was constructed on the flood plain of Nanticoke Creek purposely and it has experienced all the periodic flooding that this area gets. This view from the east, taken from 2850 State Route 26 shows how the water table is right at the lower part of the mill. These ponds are spring feed and just across the road from the mill.



Original Map
hand drawn by
H.B. & D.
Slosson 1837.
showing the mill
run along the
North Road. The
Miller's house is
still located
behind the mill.

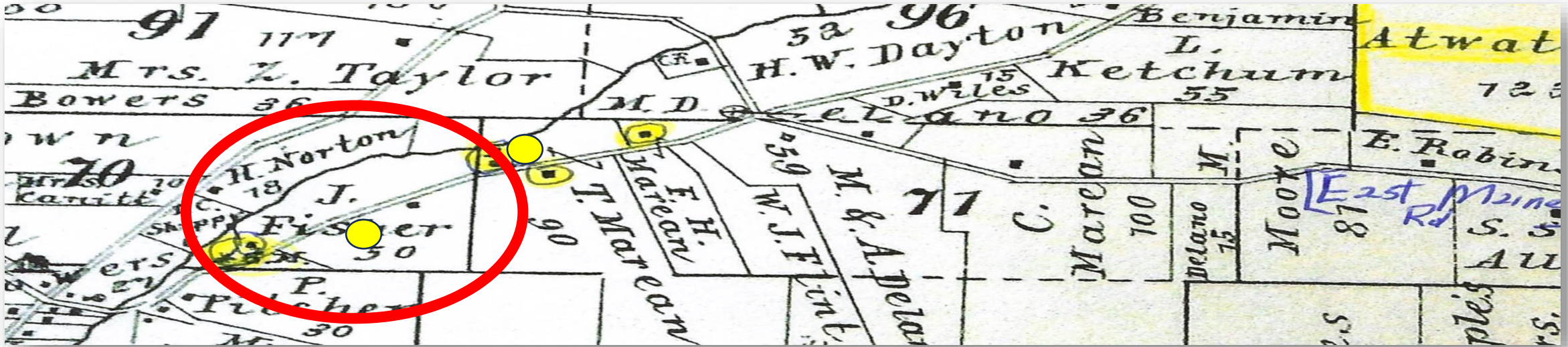
Dam on
Nanticoke
creek which
feed water
down the
mill run.
The mills
wheel was
located
beneath the
building.





The original grist stones for the mill came from Nova Scotia, Canada and had to be sharpened one a year. The mill ground: oats, wheat, buck wheat, sorghum and corn to make flour. The mill did not have electricity until after 1922. The main gears were made from wood so that sparks would be avoided when connecting gears. The Miller's house is still behind the mill 2831 State Route 26, Glen Aubrey NY. It dates from the time of the mill construction. Mr. Bowers took this photo in 1930.

2834 State Route 26 ca 1910



The **John Fisher farm**, directly across from the mill, sold as part of Boston Purchase Lot 71 in 1910. The house number 2834 has been recently remodeled. Behind the house is an original barn.

John Steel Fisher, from New Hampshire in 1828.

“The **Fisher** farm, across from the grist mill, was a dairy farm and a chicken farm which remained deeded to the Fisher family until around 1907. At that time, it was owned by **Alfred Dence**, a relative of the family. In 1941 it was purchased by **Dr. Glenn and Wanda Bartle**. Dr. Bartle was the first president of Harpur College. Under the guidance of Dr. Clement Bowers, the Bartle's undertook an extensive restoration of the house. The house was purchased by **William Merrall** in 1971 selling to Dr. **Henry Barnaby and his wife Martine**, in 1978. When James Steele Fisher was born on 16 August 1782, in Francestown, Hillsborough, New Hampshire, United States, his father, James Fisher, was 29 and his mother, Sarah Ann Steele, was 32. He married Anna Burton on 14 June 1810, in Wilton, Hillsborough, New Hampshire, United States. They were the parents of at least 2 sons and 3 daughters. He lived in New York, United States in 1870. He died on 15 July 1870, in Maine, Broome, New York, United States, at the age of 87, and was buried in Maine Cemetery, Endicott, Union, Broome, New York, United States.”

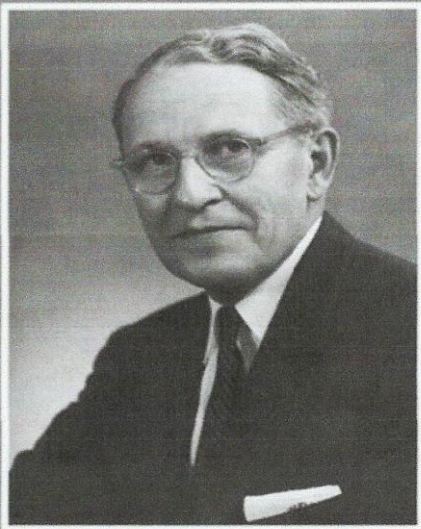
“**Fisher, James Steel** (deceased), born in Hillsberg county, N. H., in 1782, and died in 1870; wife, Anna Berton, of New Hampshire, settled in Maine in 1829; children six, four now living; Chastina, James, Margaret J., and John. Ann, who married Mr. O. J. Slosson, died in 1874, leaving five children; Jonathan B., who married Charlotte Howard, died in 1876, the latter died in 1855, leaving two children.” [Maine New York Biographies | New Horizons Genealogy](#)



2876 State Route 26 ca 1828



Glenn G. Bartle becomes the founding Dean.
1954.



Wanda



Bartle Home Looked Like This in 1907

Horse and carriage stand by the side of the old Maine farmhouse when it was the home of Alfred and Lala Belle Dence.

2876 State Route 26, built by **John Steel Fisher**, from New Hampshire in 1828. When Syracuse University extension (Endicott campus) turned into SUNY Binghamton (Harpur College). **Dr. Bartle** was its first president. He and his wife **Wanda** lived in this home in Maine purchasing it and remodeling it in 1941. Living there presently is **Dr. Henry Barnaby** who purchased the house in 1978.



2893 State Route 26 ca 1850

The barn north of 2893 State Route 26 , had a flag painted on it to celebrate the 1976, 200th celebration of the founding of the United States of America.



Ca. 1850 this home was originally owned by the Flints and then Charles Bowers. The barn next to it was a furniture shop and also was used to manufacture coffins.

FLINT, William J., born in New Hampshire in 1815, settled in Maine in 1827, died in 1885; wife, **Annis Marean**, daughter of Henry and Chloe (Delano) Marean, born in Maine in 1817, married in 1836; one child, **Esther J.**, born in 1839, married **Charles G. Bowers** in 1860. Parents, William B. and Jane M. (Whitcomb) Flint, natives of New Hampshire, the latter died in 1818. **Patty Blair** is the current owner. 17

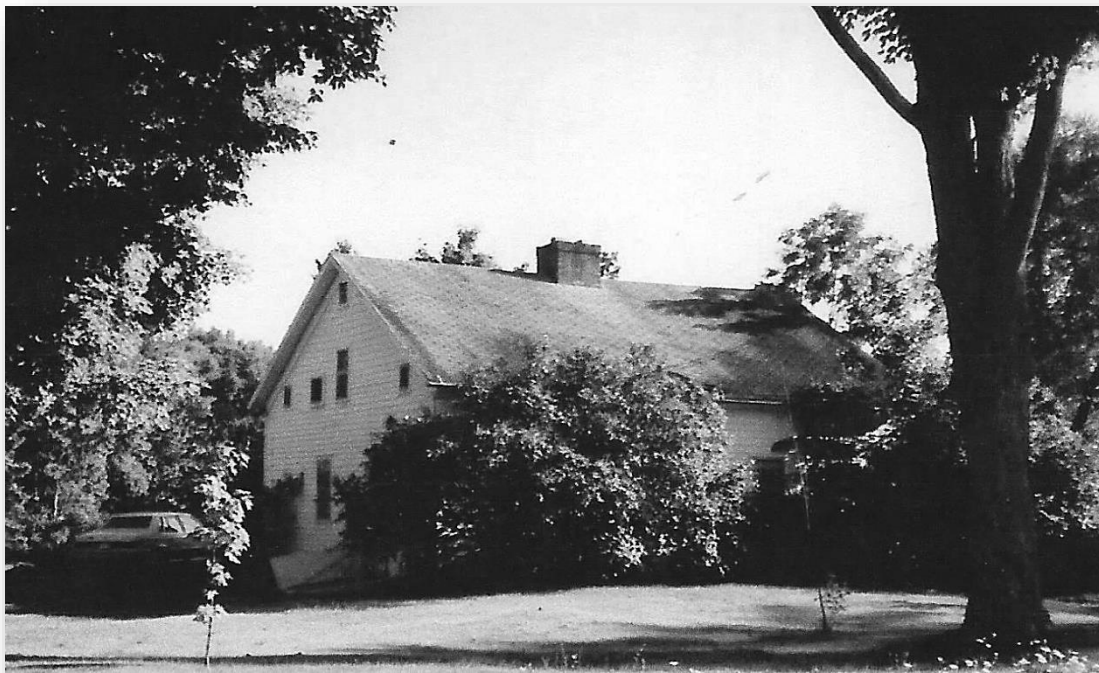


Charles Bowers in his kitchen finishing off sap.

2893 State Route 26

“**Mr. Charles Bowers** was the brother of LaMont Bowers. Their father Gardner Sawin Bowers was the original settler of Bowers Corners when he move here from New Hampshire. The original Bowers corners home was built in 1828 and then rebuilt in 1870 after it was destroyed by fire. Charles is seen here in his kitchen boiling down sap to finish it into maple syrup. Local farmers supplemented their income by selling: maple syrup products, butter, eggs, milk and what they grew in the fields: corn, sorghum, oats, wheat, rye, and buck wheat. The dairy farms may have had a maximum of thirty cattle.”
Lisk

His wife Ester J. (Flint) owned a millinery shop in town.



Built by **Henry Marean** 1777 – 1855 and his wife **Chloe** 1792 – 1858 moved here from Connecticut in 1812. Boston PURCHASE LOT 71 was recorded in 1799. His parents Thomas Marean 1753 – 1829 and mother Esther Patterson Marean 1756 – 1832. lived in Hooper's Washingtonian Hall on river Road. **Edward Pomeroy** lived here starting in 1953. **No longer standing.**

2902 NYS Route 26 ca 1818

NO LONGER STANDING

The **Thomas Marean house ca. 1818**, 2902 NYS Route 26 moved to *Amesless Golf Property* and **dismantled** by **Mr. Daniel Ackley** who has stored the structure for further use.



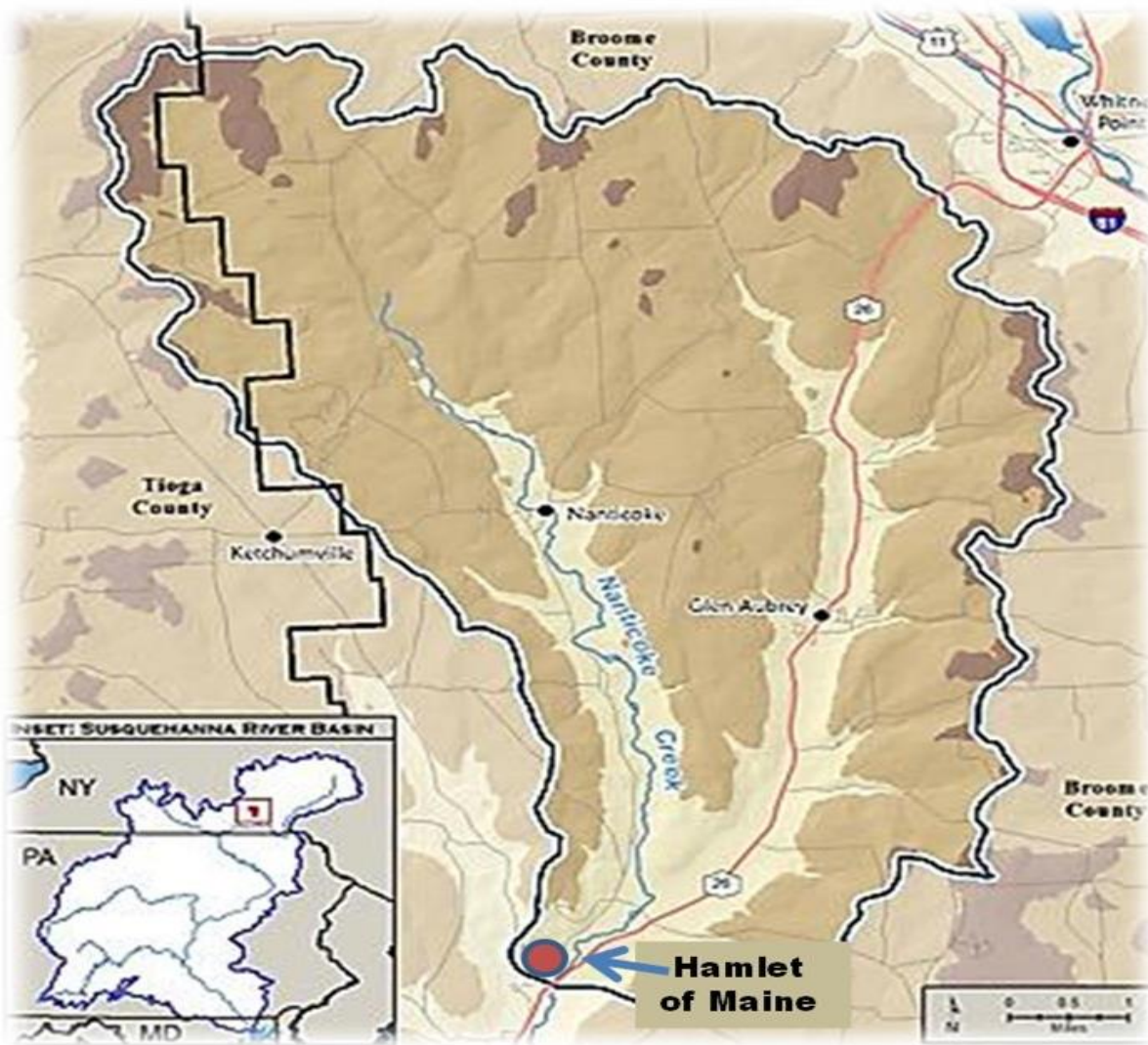
The house was built by **Francis H. Marean** for his daughter **Lucy** and her husband **Henry Dayton**. Henry Dayton (1830 - 1923) was a teacher for 40 years in this area and also listed as a farmer in 1872. The property was purchased by **Wendell Gallagher** in 1952. It contains a barn and “buggy” house



2935 State Route 26 ca 1842

The **Henry Dayton/ Gallagher** house ca 1842. This was once part of a large dairy farm whose property extended to the east of Route 26.. The cupola on the barn dates from the 1950's.





Land Use in the Nanticoke Creek Drainage Basin 2006

- Forest: 62.1%
- Grassland/Herbaceous: 1.4%
- Agricultural: 34.1%
- Developed: 1.2%
- Barren/Extractive: 0.1%
- Water: 0.5%
- Wetlands: 0.3%

Nanticoke Creek, located in Broome County, begins near Nanticoke Lake and then meanders for approximately 22 miles to its confluence with the Susquehanna River.

http://mdw.srbc.net/remotewaterquality/watershed_profiles/nanticoke.htm

Nanticoke Creek Drainage Area:
48 square miles

Paradise Lost!

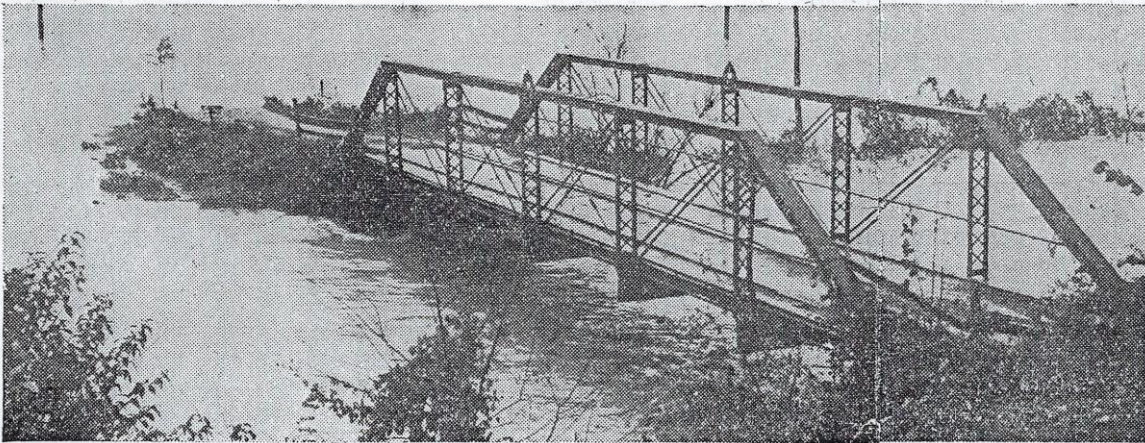
From Small Creeks to Raging Rivers

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Bower's Corners 1937

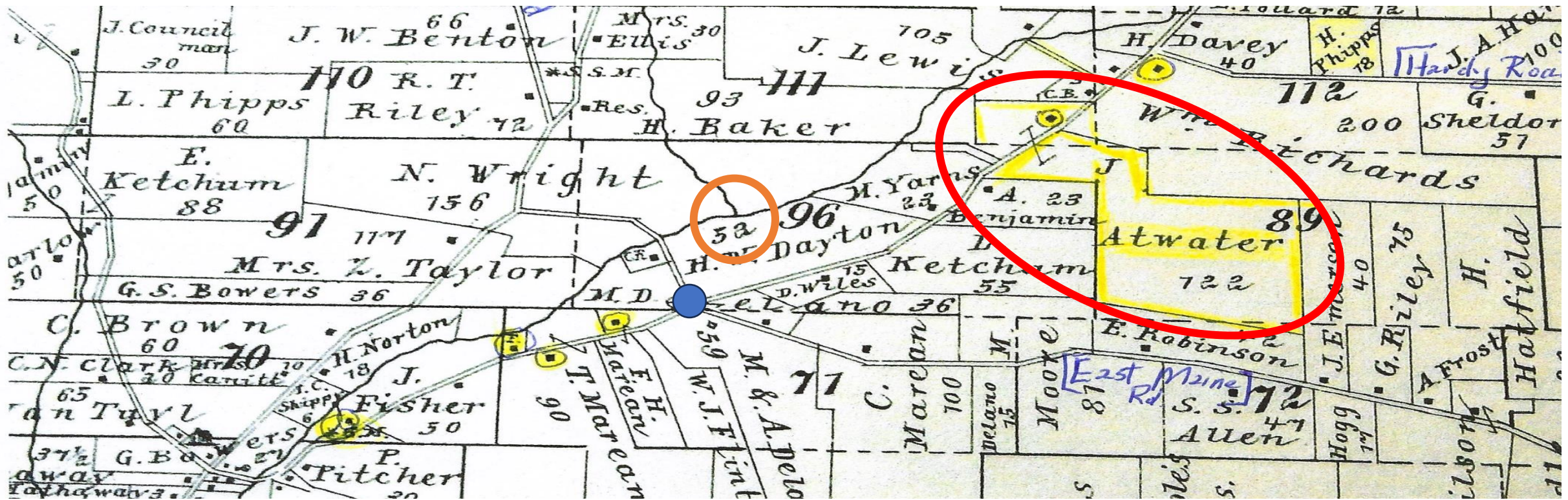
Homes a short distance south of Bower's Corners, near Maine surrounded by water from raging Nanticoke creek.



Bridge on dirt road, extending from main highway just south of Maine village, isolated by Nanticoke creek flood waters.

Bridge near Carriage Barns (nortons)

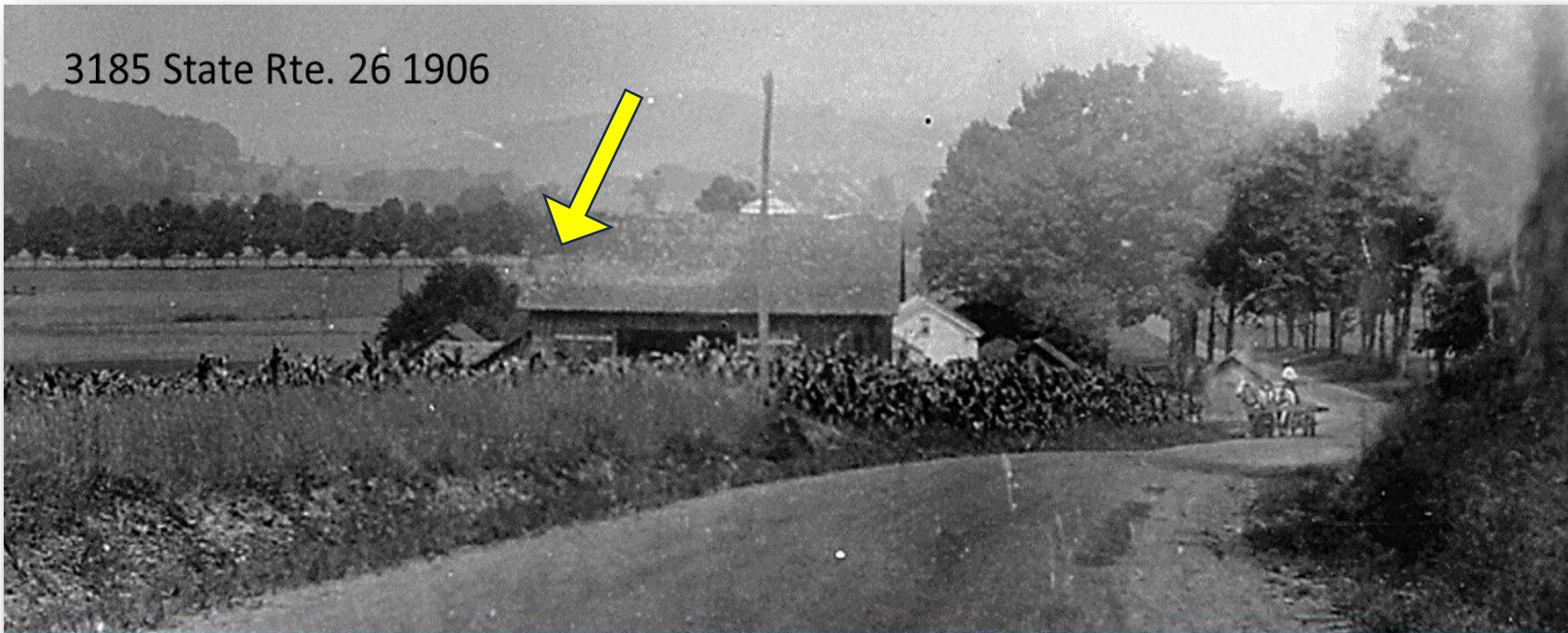
Historic destructive weather events are nothing new in Maine, NY.. 7.12.1908 a tornado went through the southern part of the town. In 1929 another tornado went through McGregor's farm. Flooding in October of 1937 (see photos to the left) covered large parts of the area. In June 1954 a flash flood took out the King Hill bridge off of Lewis street. A similar flood in 1963 on Lewis creek took out the bridge and five high school students were swept away and died. June 1972 saw a major storm in the Northeast causing Crocker creek to destroy the bridge over route 26. A tornado hit in the 1980's passing from Bornt Hill through the town. Again, flash flooding hit Maine near East Maine Road in 2011 and again in 2016. This year **July 3, 2025** and brought straight winds of one hundred plus mph causing over 3 days of no power and hundreds of trees and power poles being brought down. **July 13** over three inches of rain, along with large hail, in one hour brought flash flooding to Maine along route 26.



The intersection of Ames/East Maine Road and State Route 26 was known as **DeLano's Corners**. Travelling east from this intersection up East Maine road, was the Gates Store whose structure has been turned into apartments. To the west is the bridge which crosses the Nanticoke Creek. If you travel just 300 yards north from the bridge you will find the **meeting of the east and west branches** of the Nanticoke Creek.

Travelling further north on Route 26 is the **Atwater farmland**, Boston Land # 111 and # 89 is the farm which **Alice Tartanian Hopkins** family bought in 1923 after they arrived from Armenia in 1906.

3185 State Rte. 26 1906



3185 State Rte. 26 2025



3185 State Route 26

The **Tartanian family** household at 3185 State Route 26. The house listed as 3185 was constructed in 1957. It is not the one that the family moved into in 1923. I cannot locate the one which was there however Alice did mention that her father built four houses on that stretch of road. In the left background of the upper photo is a tree line which today is the roadway to the **Square Deal Sportsmen's Gun Club** (3205 NY-26, Glen Aubrey, NY 13777).



Living in Maine, my story by Alice Tartanian Hopkins

"My ancestry is Armenian. Their land was an ancient, mountainous region in western Asia, lying around Mt. Ararat, the spot upon which Noah's Ark came to rest. Armenia now is a small, land-locked nation whose citizens see, but cannot visit their mountain, as they are northwest of Turkey also bordering Ukraine and Iran.

This year (2015) is the 100th year remembrance of the year when the Turkish Government (during WW1), aligned with Germany, decided to eliminate the Armenian people from their land. One million, five hundred thousand Christian Armenians were killed. Among them was my mother's family. The men were killed first, then the women and children driven into the desert. A Kurdish woman approached my grandmother and wanted her young daughter, my mother to live with her and help with housework and childcare. My mother never heard again about her

My father who lived near Constantinople (now Istanbul), came by ship in 1913, with four other young men to the address of Congregational Missionaries in Sherburne, New York in 1913. Before passports, one could come here with only the address of a friend. Dad and his older brother worked on farms and saved enough money to buy a farm. They found one of 120 acres, barn, house and outbuildings owned by John and Fanny Atwater in the town of Maine and bought it.



Alice's father
John

The Tartanian family arrived in Broome county in 1914 and were ready to purchase a farm by 1923. The **Atwater farm** was 120 acres that the Tartanians purchased and had parcels of farm land on both sides of the highway. The arrangement that was made was that a large pipe would be placed beneath the roadway so that the cattle could safely "cross" the road. Alice pointed out that her father also was a talented builder and he constructed three house between his home and the town of Maine. The family is buried in the Allentown cemetery.

TARTANIAN FAMILY



Mary Tartanian is helping her husband, John, with the haying on the farm"



The Tartanian family came to the United States from Armenian.... Minas, Arshaloos, (Hagog) grandmother Eskouhi, Paris Mesrobian (Julia) and John.

John J. Atwater (1840 – 1921 and his wife Fannie Lillian Dayton Atwater 1866 – 1958 along with their parents are buried in Maine cemetery and or the Allentown cemetery. They sold their farm to the Tartanians. The photo to the left of the family haying was set up by the US government to highlight the farm life in America. Alice mentioned her mother rarely worked the fields and would never wear a dress if she did!

3218 State Route 26 ca 1838



Payne-Richards-Rozelle-Babbitt House ca 1838

“The **Caswell’s** had a log cabin on this site in 1815. Timothy (1770 – 1846) from Warren, Albany, New York and Mercy Caswell (1773 – 1845) (married in 1794) and their daughter Matilda were charter members of the First Baptist Church of Union (Maine) in 1835. The Caswell’s left the area soon afterwards and are buried in Belvidere, Boone, Illinois. The land was then transferred to Herman **Payne** who built this house ca 1838 - 1840. In 1873 Williams **Richards** owned this home. His daughter married Richard J. **Rozelle** and the house was transferred to her in 1915. In 1960, it was purchased by James and Mary Jean **Babbitt**. “ Today it is owned by the Ackley family who are restoring it.



Asst. Director Jim Babbitt 2.9.1969



The Music Man! Jim Babbitt
11.17.1984

Maine Community Band
Maine, New York
Since 1861

<http://www.maineband.com/>

James Charlton Babbitt

BIRTH 1 Feb 1925

DEATH 16 Jan 1988
(aged 62)

BURIAL

Allentown Cemetery

Glen Aubrey, Broome
County,

Mary Jean Babbitt

BIRTH 30 May 1929

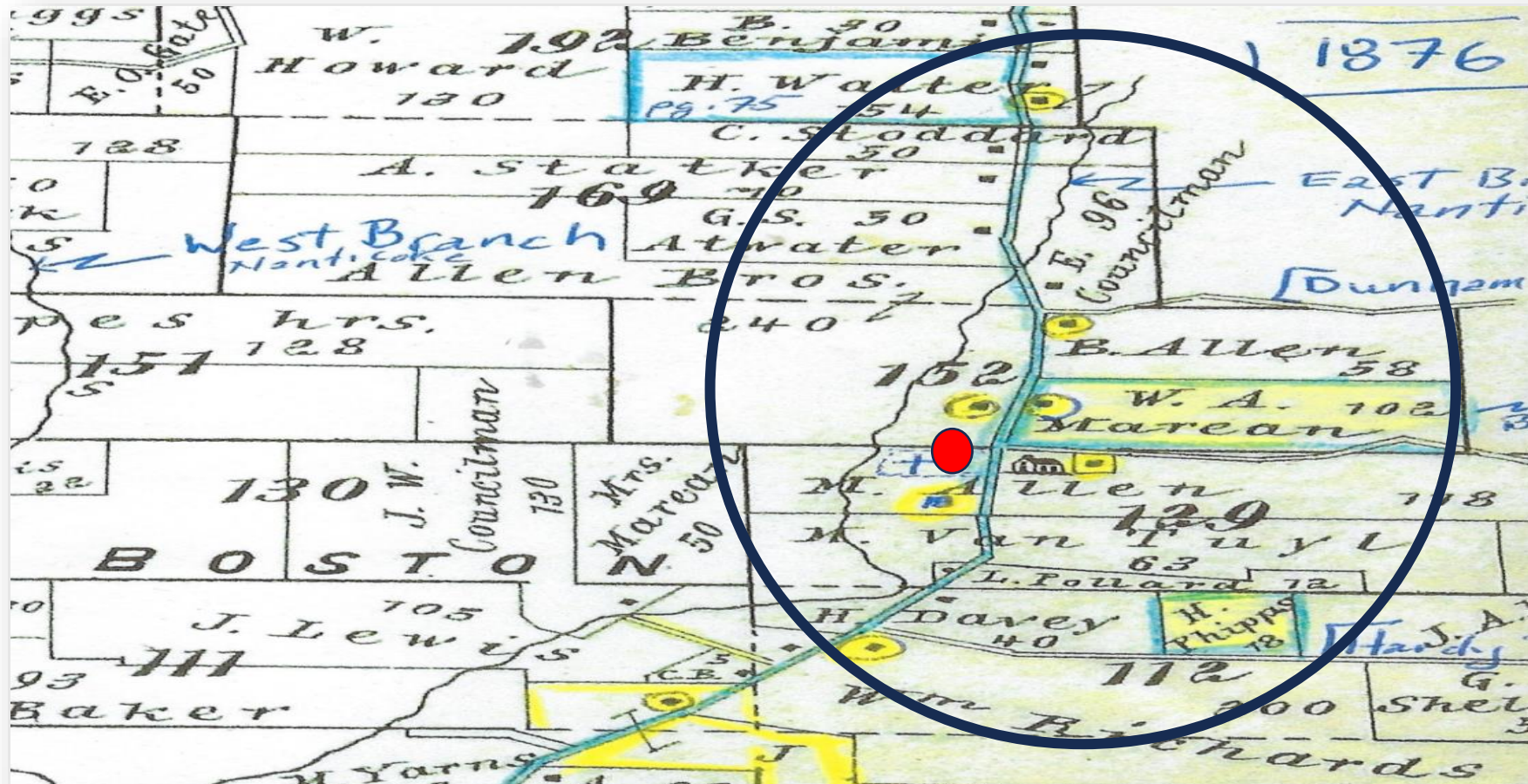
DEATH 4 Jun 1978
(aged 49)

BURIAL

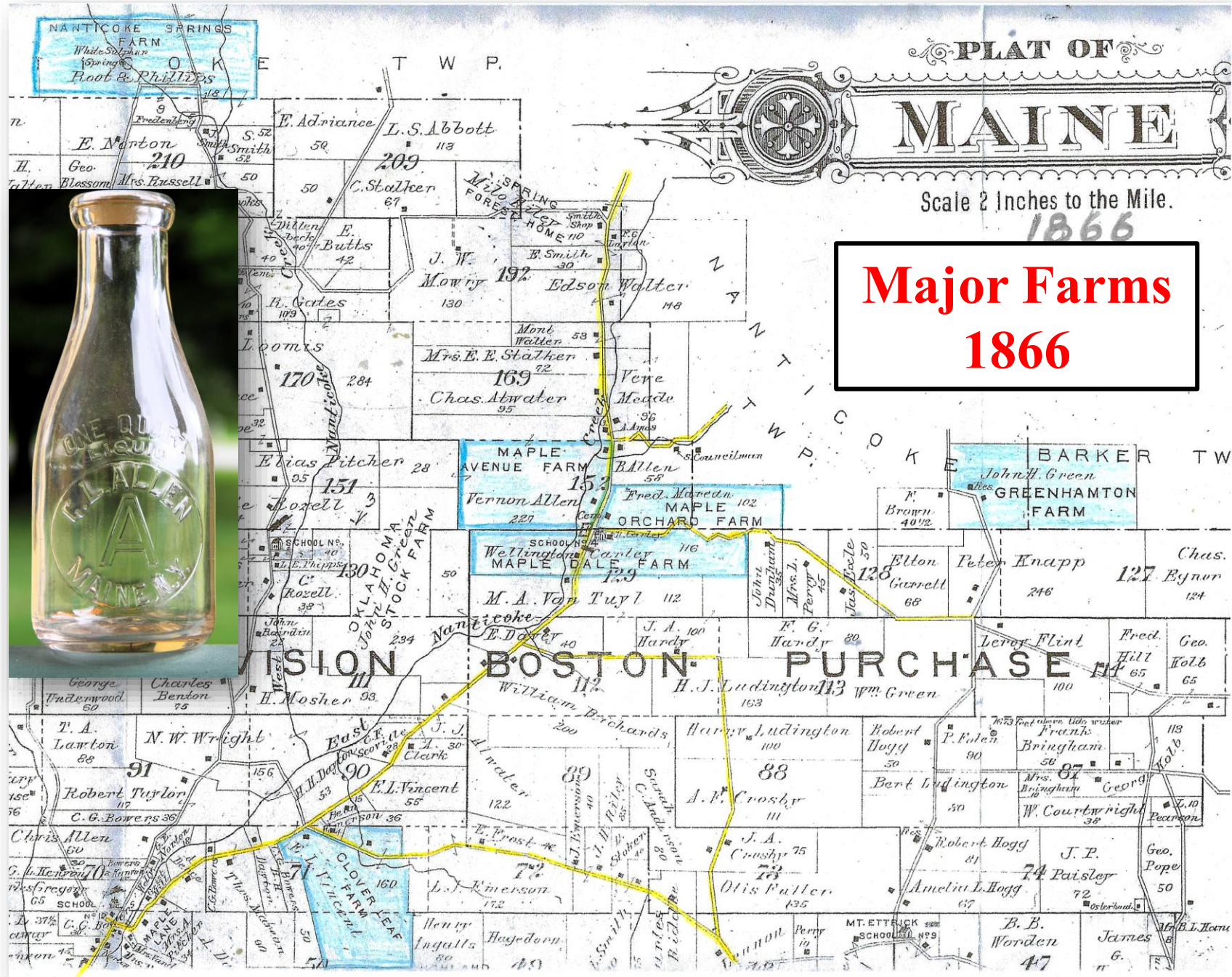
Allentown Cemetery

Glen Aubrey, Broome
County,

“Allentown: following the **Caswell’s** settling this area, **Joseph Patterson Marean** a member of the Thomas and Esther Patterson Marean family of Berkshire Massachusetts, settled in this area. The Mareans were drawn to this area by reports from Gen. Patterson, Esther’s brother, who was a noted frontiersman. Joseph P. Marean began to accumulate property in the Allen Settlement area in **1845**. **Ebenezer and Matthew Allen Jr.** arrived in this area which would come to bear their name in **1836**, purchasing large tracts of land beginning in 1837. By 1845 their commitment to this settlement was evident, as the Allen’s created a burying ground on their own land for the use of local citizens.” **Barbara Ebert**



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Allentown Cemetery



Farms near Allentown

Plat Map 1866
(shaded in blue)

Nanticoke Spring Farm

Root & Phillips

Maple Avenue Farm

Vernon Allen

Maple Orchard Farm

Fred Marean

Maple Dale Farm

Wellington Carley

Oklahoma Stock Farm

John H. Green

Greenhamton Farm

John H. Green

Clover Leaf Farm

E.L. Vincent

Maple Lane

Mrs. A. Pitcher

“The land on which the **Allen Settlement** is located was part of the Grand Division of the “**Boston Purchase**”, set out by Surveyor-General of New York State Simeon DeWitt in 1791. The “Boston Purchase,” also called the “ Massachusetts Ten Towns,” was a land transaction made with the Onondaga and Tuscarora Indian tribes in **1789** for money and wool cloth. The 230,000 acres were subdivided into three sections. to the east Chenango (222 lots), to the west Nanticoke (181 lots), and to the north the Grand Division (212 lots). The land was purchased by a consortium of sixty men, most of whom were from Berkshire County, Massachusetts. The Allen Settlement occupies portions of the lots 129, 152 and 169. “ B. Ebert.

This town was settled by the pioneer families – the **Allens and Mareans**– and their over one-hundred-year involvement with the **farming of this region**, along with their relatives – the **Carley’s**, this settlement and farms grew to prominence in the region. The farms produced: apples and other fruit, wheat, rye, buckwheat, corn, Indian corn, hay, Irish potatoes, wool, dairy cows (16 was a large amount), cattle, sheep, maple syrup, molasses, honey, beeswax, cheese, milk, and butter. The lumber and associated products (bark of the Hemlock tree, used in tanning leather) drove the economy of the whole region. Even though the valley did not have a train the roadway north (8 miles) led to Whitney Point (train and Chenago Canal). “The Chenango Canal was a towpath canal in central New York in the United States which linked the Susquehanna River to the Erie Canal. Built and operated in the mid-19th century, it was 97 miles long and for much of its course followed the Chenango River, along New York State Route 12 from Binghamton on the south end to Utica on the north. It operated from 1834 to 1878 and provided a significant link in the water transportation system of the northeastern U.S. until supplanted by the region's developing railroad network.)”

Wikipedia

6 Flint Road ca 1867



Allentown Schoolhouse District 4

Currently a private home at **6 Flint road** was where this school was located. The building opened in 1867 when Matthew Allen Jr. donated one-half acre of land for the school on Grand Divion Lot 129. In the late 1930's it closed along with the other 12 Maine one room schools. The Maine Central building was open in 1940. The new school centralized all the out lying districts into one. You can visit the building, ca 1940, located at 35 Church Street in the hamlet of Maine. This school named Maine Central, housed k-8 grades and closed in 1980 when the Maine Endwell school district opened a new middle school. The Nanticoke Valley Historical Society of Maine NY was given this building by Mike McKilligan upon his death.

The Allentown School house still stands across Route 26 from the cemetery. It is now a home. “All early teachers had to do the janitor work as well as teaching. In the 20’s and 30’s there were many children from immigrants or children of foreign-born parents. Mr. Clarence Berry was a teacher 1930 – 31 Elton Parr taught all the grades from 1931 -33.” from Shirley Woodward A Short History of Maine, 1973.

“Al Parr, Clarence Berry, Esther Prentice, Lawrence Smith, and Harriet Ravas were among those who taught there. The young lady is Lela (Walter) Allen, Lela’s younger brothers, John and Horace Walter, are probably in the front row. Her daughters Jean and Eleanor also attended this school.”



Then & Now A Pictorial History of the Town of Maine, New York by Ann Page Lewis 1998.

Directly across from Flint road is the **Allentown cemetery**. It is still active and dates from the earliest settlement. The Marean and Allen family are well represented here.

Matthew Allen Sr., born probably Dutchess Co., NY, ca.1773, died Town of Maine, Broome Co., NY, June 12, 1856. His first wife, mother of all his children, was **Amy Hill**, about whom no details but her name are known at present. Family tradition says their eldest child, **Ebenezer**, was born in Dutchess Co., remaining children born Town of Maryland, Otsego Co., NY.

According to the 1865 New York State Census, Matthew and his children came to Broome County in 1837 and **Lucy E. -----**, his second wife, with whom he shares a **double gravestone** in Allentown Cemetery, came from Montgomery County in 1841. Matthew and his children were in Maryland, Otsego Co., NY, perhaps 1810-1837, where at least some of the children were born and where **Ebenezer** (the eldest) was married.

Lucy, whose maiden name has not been found, was the second wife of Matthew Allen Sr. but not the mother of any of his children. According to the 1865 New York State Census, Matthew and his children came to Broome Co., NY, in **1837**. Lucy arrived there 1841, coming from Montgomery Co., NY. Two children lived in Allentown: Ebenezer (1805-1846) and Matthew Allen Jr. (1813-1879) Ebenezer's son **Belden** is discussed later in this presentation.



Matthew Allen Sr. 1773-1856
Lucy E. Allen 1797-1876



Allentown Cemetery

1.4 acres located across from Flint Road. It is still active today with a total of 460 graves. These are some of the families that are buried here:

Allen 24

Carley 4

Dunham 9

Green 14

Howard 20

Marean 30

Pitcher 14

Riley 30

Please notice across the street is the former Allentown District 4 one room school house.

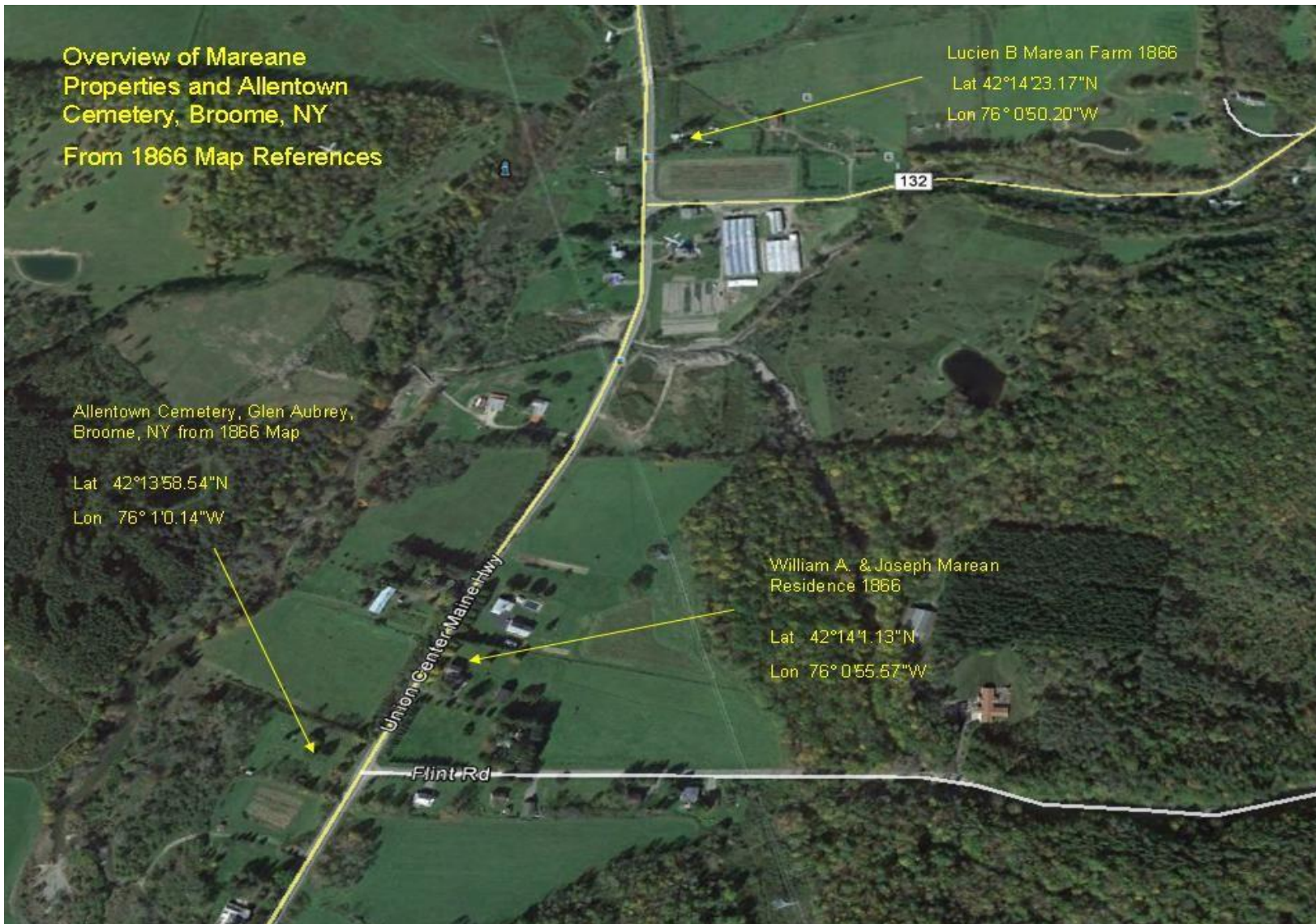


Ebenezer and Oladyne Allen and Matthew Allen in May of 1845 donated land for this cemetery. The original lease came with instructions that it “*be kept enclosed with a suitable fence.*”

This exhibit reflects the close proximity of the Marean Family Graves. Joseph and Joanna Marean had four children, Simeon, Lucien B., Vincent and William A. Marean. Vincent Marean if not found buried here and Simeon Marean is buried in The Campville Cemetery, Campville, Tioga, NY. All of Vincent's children are buried here, George E., Frederick, Henry, Esther [Marean] Atwater, and Myrtie [Marean] Bond.



The Allentown cemetery ca 1845 is on land donated by the Allen family. The photo to the left is found on Find a Grave website . Joseph Marean was one of nine children of Thomas Marean [1753-1829] and Esther Patterson Marean [1756-1832]. Joseph was a veteran of the War of 1812 and his father was a veteran of the Revolutionary War. Thomas and his wife are buried in the Maine Cemetery, Maine, Broome, NY. Patrick Patterson on 17 Jul 2015. Joseph Marean (1789-1866) - Find a Grave Memorial



Aerial photograph showing the relationship of the Marean farms to the Allentown Cemetery.

Added by: [Patrick Patterson](#) on 13 Dec 2020 [William A. Marean \(1831-1903\) - Find a Grave Memorial](#)

“The original land for the Allentown cemetery was given by Ebenezer and Oladyne Allen and Matthew Allen in May of 1845. the original lease came with instructions that it *“be kept enclosed with a suitable fence.”* In 1884 J.J. Allen sold the association a strip 38 feet wide. on the north.

The earlies interment is the 1838 death of Harriet Allen, infant daughter of Matthew Allen, Jr., and his first wife, Cynthia. One other Allen child was buried on this site prior to the official establishment of this cemetery.” Barbara E. Ebert.

3335 State Route 26 ca 1832



**Matthew Allen
/Wellington
Carley
house
just south of the
cemetery.**

Ebenezer Carley – first one to NYS around 1799 settled in Marathon NY

Ebenezer Carley was born on February 12, 1767 in Leicester, Province of Massachusetts Bay, son of Joseph Carley (1718–1810) and Sarah Washburn (1729–1817).

Ebenezer married Joanna Swift (born in 1764). Died 12 Jul 1814 at age 47 in Marathon, Cortland County, New York, United States

“**Ebenezer** was at the taking of Fort Ticonderoga, helped remove the guns from there for the siege of Boston. Was with Washington at the Crossing of the Delaware, where he used to tell of the watchfires left burning in the night at the second crossing, to fool the British, before the Battle of Princeton. In 1777 he is back in Vermont again, fighting Indians, gave the alarm to Pittsford, Oct. 17, 1777, same day as Burgoyne's surrender.

Jan. 23, 1778, he is on a muster roll return dated Camp near Valley Forge, and must have been with his brother Jonathan at Monmouth.

In 1780 he is back in Vermont, a Corporal in the militia. Was called out to the Indian attack at Royalton.

In 1781 he is a sergeant and has again joined his brother and Knox's artillery for the hurried trek to Yorktown and that last decisive battle.

Then home again to Clarendon, Vermont, where he married Joanna Swift, born 1754, died Nov. 13, 1831. They are listed as of Clarendon in the first U.S. Census, in 1790, as having 2 boys under 16, 3 girls under 10. but as these boys do not show up in later censuses, they must have either died, or struck out for themselves when the family left Clarendon.

They moved to Unadilla, N.Y., then to Marathon, N.Y. about 1799, the second white family to settle there.

He was a captain of militia. At a training it was said that Capt. Carley and one other officer were the only ones to wear a cocked hat, with a sword and sash as sign of their authority. About 250 would turn out for a training session. Gingerbread, blackberry pies, and whiskey vied in equal quantities for their attention.

Ebenezer planted the first apple orchard seen for miles around. People used to come to wonder at its blossoming beauty in season. Had a sawmill, and a gristmill, later the Marathon Flouring Mills. Present Marathon has grown up on the Carley farm, on the west side of the river.”

Carley Family from Marathon, NY to Allentown NY

Ebenezer Carley 1787-1814 wife **Joanna Swift Carley** 1764 1831 buried Marathon NY

Orin Carley 1799-1883 wife **Elizabeth Barnes Carley** 1802-1883 buried Marathon NY 8 Children

Wellington B. Carley 1850-1935 wife **Fannie Howard Carley** 1855-1934 buried Allentown NY 2 children

Ralph Carley 1878-1952 marries 1900 **Cora Bele Atwater Carley** 1881-1952 2 children buried Allentown

Esther L. Carley Croft 1915-1998 husband **Arlie Everett Croft** 1914-1969 m. 1935 3 children buried Allentown

“Mrs. **Fannie Carley** wife of Wellington Carley, died at her home in Glen Aubrey this morning at 2 o'clock after a short illness. She was 80 years old. Besides her husband, she is survived by a daughter. Mrs. William Richards of Whitney Point: a son **Ralph Carley** of Glen Aubrey: five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Funeral arrangement will be announced later.”

THE BINGHAMTON PRESS, WEDNESDAY EVENING, **FEBRUARY 27, 1935.**

“**Wellington Carley** died at his home in Glen Aubrey this morning at 6:30 o'clock, after a short illness, aged 84 years. He is survived by a daughter. **Mrs. William Richards** of Whitney Point: a son, **Ralph** of Glen Aubrey; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.”

THE BINGHAMTON PRESS, TUESDAY EVENING, **MARCH 5, 1935**



The Carley family posed for this photograph in 1923. **Wellington Carley** (is upper left and Ralph is upper right in the photograph).



Ralph Carley (1876 – 1952) uses his three-horse team and moldboard plow on his farm in Allentown. He was the son of Wellington Carley (1850 – 1935) and is buried in Allentown Cemetery

“In the 1940’s and ‘50s, Ralph Carley sold various parcels of land along Route 26 and Flint road to relatives and friends. In 1959, Ralph and his second wife Nellie sold he 118-acre farm to Samuel and Jean Ammerman, ending nearly eighty years of family ownership. Subsequent owners separated the house lot from the large agricultural acreage.” B. Ebert



“Around 1910, these students attended a singing school in Nanticoke. It was a great way to socialize and was something to look forward to on a monthly basis.....Front row left to right: **Ralph Carley**, teacher Mr. Thayer and John Marean.” Sue Lisk p. 100

Marean/Allen/Whittier House 3368 State Route 26 ca 1848



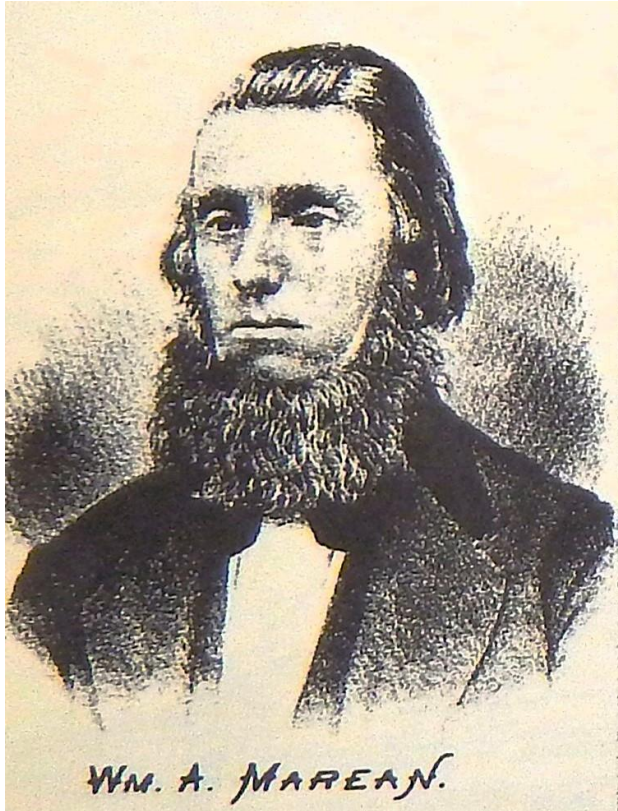
Across Route 26 to the east from 3379 State Route 26, is the **Marean House**, another building significant to the history of the hamlet of Allentown.

Joseph F. (1789-1866) and his wife, **Joanna Marean** (1794-1862) lived here, followed by their 4th son **William A.** (1831-1903) and **Deborah Jane Allen** Marean (1829-1908) his wife lived here. See the second slide from here which is from the 1876 Plat book of Broome County. Joseph acquired the property in 1845 and continued to buy land

“**Joseph Patterson Marean** was born to **Thomas Marean and Esther Patterson** in Richmond, Berkshire, MA and moved with his family to what was then Union, Broome, NY following the Revolutionary War. The Marean family were the early settlers in what was to become Maine, Broome, NY and probably arrived there circa 1789-90. His father Thomas Marean and Thomas's brother-in-law **Amos Patterson** had been traveling from Western Massachusetts to Maine, NY for several years prior to the "Boston Purchase" or what was also called the "Ten Townships Purchase" and were two of the original participants in that land grant. The Marean family were descendants of **Dorman Morris Marean [1636-1703]**, probably from Ireland, and was known to be in the Boston, MA area as early as 1674.

Little is known of his wife **Joanna Bundy's** family, but she was believed to be born in New York State and they were probably married in 1812. The couple had at least 4 children, **Simeon** [1813-1883]; **Lucien B.** [1818-1889]; **Vincent** [1822-1901]; and **William A.** [1831-1903], all but Simeon being buried in either the Allentown Cemetery or the Maine Village Cemetery nearby. Simeon is buried with his wife Marinda Camp Marean in the Campville Cemetery, Tioga, NY. Marinda Camp Marean was the granddaughter of Lt. Col. Asa Camp, a Revolutionary War Veteran for whom Campville, Tioga, NY is named after. He was one of the early settlers in Tioga County following the Revolution. **Joseph** was a veteran of the War of 1812 and probably married his wife just prior to joining that military service. His farm was **across the road** from and just **north of the Allentown Cemetery** where he is buried. All of the Marean descendants found living in Maine and Broome County, NY descend from Joseph's father Thomas Marean.” [History by Patrick A. Patterson, 3rd Great Grandson; pap5267@gvvc.com]

3368 State Route 26 ca 1848



William A. Marean

BIRTH

22 Jun 1831

Maine, Broome County, New
York, USA

DEATH

16 Jan 1903 (aged 71)



Res. of Wm. A. MAREAN,
MAYETTE, BROOME CO., N. Y.



Deborah Jane Allen Marean

BIRTH

1829

Otsego County, New York, USA

DEATH

17 May 1908 (aged 78-79)

Frederick Marean

Fred Marean 1851 – 1915
Martha 1855 - 1928



This 1915 Photograph shows a sugar bush on their farm located on Flint Road, east of Route 26. Note the sugar shack and firewood pile. The hemlock in background was sawed at the Barnes and Whittaker sawmill.



"Fred and Martha Warner Marean and their daughter Grace, c. 1891. Photograph by Gilmore Studios, Binghamton."

Siblings of Fred

George E. Marean

1849–1894

Henry Marean

1853–1917

Esther M. Marean Atwater

1857–1928

Myrtle Marean Bond

1872–1939

Daughter: Grace (**Grace D. Marean Ames**) (1883-1910)

later married **Clarence Adelbert Ames** (1880-1948) and had two children: **Leigh Herschel Ames** 1903-1994 wife **Dorothy Eliza Lawton Ames** 1905-1999 and **Herman M. Ames** 1901-1937.

Fred and Martha Marean

“In 1890, a new generation of Mareans came into possession of the family farm when **William Marean** sold 102 acres to **Frederick Marean**. ..Frederick Marean (1861-1915) was the second son of Vincent Marean. In 1908 the Frederick Marean acreage was designated “Maple Orchard Farm.”

‘Fred Marean and his wife Martha operated the family farm until his death in 1915. Fred worked on local Broome County farm Bureau issues as a representative of this community. Martha Marean continued farm operations after her husband’s death, as evidence by a 1917 announcement that she had 25 bushels of buckwheat and 25 bushels of potatoes for sale. [Broome County Farm Bureau News, May 1917, p. 5] However, she sold the farm that year to Mary E, Taylor, ending more than 75 years of Marean family ownership. The property would be subdivided by subsequent owners.” US Dept. of the Interior Allentown settlement Section number 8 , page 7 Barbara E. Ebert.

3 Children

- Leigh Forest Marean 1874-1931 Gertrude E. “Gertie” *Perry* Marean 1878 – 1939 3 children
- John Irwin Marean 1875-1947 Ina B. Smith Marean 1881 - 1962
- **Grace D. Marean Ames** 1883-1910 Clarence Adelbert Ames 1880-1948 **2 children**
 1. {Herman M. Ames 1901-1937 and Vera Riley and
 - 2..Leigh Herschel Ames 1903-1994 and (**Dorothy Eliza Lawton Ames** 1905-1999 2 children)}.



3379 State Route 26 ca 1830

3379 State Route 26, ca 1830 is the **Ebenezer Allen House**. It is situated on 79.61 –acre lot just **north of the Allentown cemetery** on Lot 129 of the Boston Purchase. Two outbuildings remain on the property: a large barn and a small well house. The barn is approximately 90 x 30 has seven bays of which the northern three bays originally were an English barn and the southern four bays were from another barn which was reused.



NVHS former members the Halperin family lived here for years.



Matthew Allen Sr. 1773—6.12.1856

- Mathew came from Maryland, Otsego Co, NY 1810—1837
- Arrived in Broome Cty 1837 w/ six children
- Buried in Allentown Cemetery #87192509

m. **Amy Hill** mother to all children (6)

m. **Lucy E.** 1797—12.9.1876

+ Lucy arrives Broome Cty in 1841

+ #87198893 (find a grave web site)

Ebenezer Allen (oldest child of Matthew)

10.19.1805— 1.21.1846

m.

Oladyne Spencer

7.7.1808— 2/3/1892

Nine Children

1. Deborah Jane

1829—1908

m. 1855

William A. Marean

1831—1903

1 child died young

3. Hector L. Allen

1831—1858

m.

Mary J. Harmon

1832—1904

Child.

Minnie H. Allen

m 1878

Samuel H. Judd

A. Vay Judd

m. Alice Fowler

5. Sally Mariah Allen

9.19.1933—4.1.1909

m/ 1855

John Hampton Green

1.8.1833 – 5.8.1920

(lived Nanticoke)

1. Larey C. 1841 died young

2. Charlie H. Green

1856—1891

m. Ellen Stack

1856—1936

A. Sarah Maude Green

1879—1961

m. Elmer Dunham 1865—1926

B. Clement H. Green 1880 – 1955

m. Stella Hatfield

C. Harold Green

m. 1st

m 2nd Helen Green 1988—1942

3. Abram H. Green 1873—1939

m. 1894

Hettie Flint 1874—1966

A. William Green

m. Eva Karman

B. Mary Green

m. Pierre Greene

C. Oladyne Green

m. Arthur Wade

D. Harry Green

m. Lorna Netherton

E. John Green

m. Rose Creely

6. Belden Allen

1.13.1837— 3.15.1916

m. 1859

Eliza Jane Green 1839—

1907

1. Hector L Allen 1861—

1916

m. 1st Georgia Remelee

1866-1896

m. 1899 2nd Julia F. Hand

1867-1940

2. Ithamer Allen 12.18.1868 -10.4.1875

3. Vernon S. Allen 1873-

1955

m. 1899 Mary Rathbun

1871-1940

7. John J. Allen

1839-1905

m. 1876 Lettie A. Smith 1855-1898

1. J. Rennie 1.16.1883-12.12.1953

m. **Jessie A. Dudley Allen** 1.5.1887-11.21.1972

Children:

A.. Audley Allen 1.15.1907-9.9.1985

m. 1929 Alison Orniston

Child: Janet L. (Mead) 4.7.1931—

m. Robert W. Mead

Children:

A. Robin—(s)

B. Robert Allen—Sandy Murphy

Children:

Victoria

Ryan

C. Rhonda McConnell (w)

Children:

Alison

Taylor

Drew

Julia

B. J. Ward Allen 10.11.1911-6.25.1983

m. 1st Margaret Taylor

Child: April (died young)

2nd Frances W.(Tootie) 9.21.1919-9.11.2009

Child: Michael Allen (adopted by j. ward)

Allen Family of Allentown Genealogy

Matthew Allen Sr., born probably Dutchess Co., NY, ca.1773, died Town of Maine, Broome Co., NY, June 12, 1856. His first wife, mother of all his children, was **Amy Hill**, about whom no details but her name are known at present. Family tradition says their eldest child, Ebenezer, was born in Dutchess Co., remaining children born Town of Maryland, Otsego Co., NY. According to the 1865 New York State Census, Matthew and his children came to Broome County in 1837 and **Lucy** -----, his second wife, with whom he shares a double gravestone in Allentown Cemetery, came from Montgomery County in 1841. Matthew and his children were in Maryland, Otsego Co., NY, perhaps 1810-1837, where at least some of the children were born and where Ebenezer (the eldest) was married.

Mathew “Matt” Allen Sr. 1773-1856 and 1st wife **Amy Hill** and second wife **Lucy Allen** (1797-1876)
had two children:

1) **Ebenezer Allen** and **Oladyne Spencer Allen** had six children

1) **Ebenezer Allen** (1805-1846) and his wife **Oladyne Spencer Allen** (1808-1892) had six children:

[**Deborah Jane Allen Marean** (1829-1908), **Hector Allen** (1831-1858), **Sally Mariah Allen Green** (1833-1909), **Belden Allen** (1837-1916), **John J. Allen** (1839-1905), **Spencer S. Allen** (1842-1913)].

2) **Matthew Allen Jr.** (1813-1879) 1st wife **Cynthia Allen** (1816-1854)
2ND wife **Ann A. Barr Allen** (1830-1892)

had four children (only 2 reached adulthood).

Caleb M. 1840-1865 Pvt. Co K. 109th Infantry Regiment** see slide 58

Written about Oladyne: *In 1846 she was left a widow with seven children...then there was the debt left on the farm and she took charge of the business, both in and out of doors, the children helping all they could. Finally the debt was paid and another small farm bought, and paid for...very few mothers would be able to endure what she did.*” Gray Osterud p. 82.



511-513 East Main Street
Endicott, NY 13760

" J. Rennie Allen was born July 16, 1883 in the farmhouse immediately to the north of the Allentown Cemetery, just below Glen Aubrey. His parents were John J. and Lettie (Smith) Allen who operated a general farm as an avocation (what to-day would be called "moon-lighting") they both taught singing and were in great demand for weddings and funerals. It was their observation and belief that they could better direct and conduct funerals, that led John J. Allen in 1884 to hang out his shingle as an "undertaker" In those days most undertakers developed from cabinet makers or furniture dealers who were called upon to provide the needed coffin and subsequently "undertook" to provide the additional services involved. There were no professional licenses required. Embalming was not commonly practiced since that technique had only been developed towards the end of the Civil War. The undertaker of those days made "house calls" — washing, shaving, dressing and otherwise simply preparing the deceased; using a special ice packed coffin to keep the body until the day of the funeral."

<http://www.allenmemorial.com/about-us/our-history/>

"At age 14 **"J.R." Allen** (as he was called) began as a full-time assistant to his father — driving the horse-drawn hearse and helping in every detail. In 1899 the State of New York required the licensing of undertakers and embalmers. John J. Allen was granted a license automatically since he was already in business. "J.R." Allen went to Dr. Eckel's School of Embalming in Philadelphia and was graduated with a degree as embalmers after only 6 weeks. (His formal education incidentally had not gone on past the 8th grade but his education as an Embalmer and Mortician never ceased.) "J.R. " Allen moved from the Allentown farm into the village proper of Maine. His first residence was in the house just northwest of the Ollie Ketchum home. In 1905 he married Jessie A. Dudley, daughter of Dr. Dwight D. Dudley, physician of Maine (it really was a love match). Their sons Audley Dudley Allen and J. Ward Allen were born in Maine."

J. Rennie Allen
1883-1953



Jessie A. Dudley Allen
1887-1972

John J. Allen Biography

ALLEN, John J., p. o. Maine, born in Maine in 1838, is present assessor; wife, Lettie Smith, daughter of Renny and Johanna (Carley) Smith, born in Lisle in 1855, married in 1876, one son: J. Renny S. Allen, born in 1883. Parents, Ebenezer and Oladine (Spencer) Allen, natives of Otsego county, settled in Maine in 1836, the former died in 1846, children six: Deborah Jane, Sally M., Belden, John J., Spencer and Ebenezer.

“In 1884, John J. Allen began an undertaking business based at his farm in Allentown. The enterprise met with considerable success, and in 1889 John Allen sold the farm for \$2,00 to his nephew, Vernon S. Allen, the youngest son of Belden Allen. John’s son, **J. Rennie Allen**, would continue and expand the mortuary business, establishing the Allen Funeral Home which is still in operation in Endicott, NY.”B. Ebert pgs. 7-8

“1908 image of **J.R. (John Rennie) Allen(right)**. The hearse is parked in front of Allen’s Home at what is now 2586 Main Street. J.R. also worked at the Tymeson Brothers store and was a member of the town band, playing he bass drum. He was married to Jessie Alice Dudley (1887 – 1972) daughter of Dr. Dwight and Alice Dudley. They had two sons Audley and George. In 1915 the family moved to Endicott to continue his business. “





3438 State Route 26 ca 1890 (Kimberly's Greenhouse)

Belden Allen is listed as the owner of the property in 1876.
this is Belden Allen as discussed in next slides. Boston
Purchase lot 152.

Belden Allen 1837 -1916

Wife **Eliza J. Green 1839 – 1907**

Children:

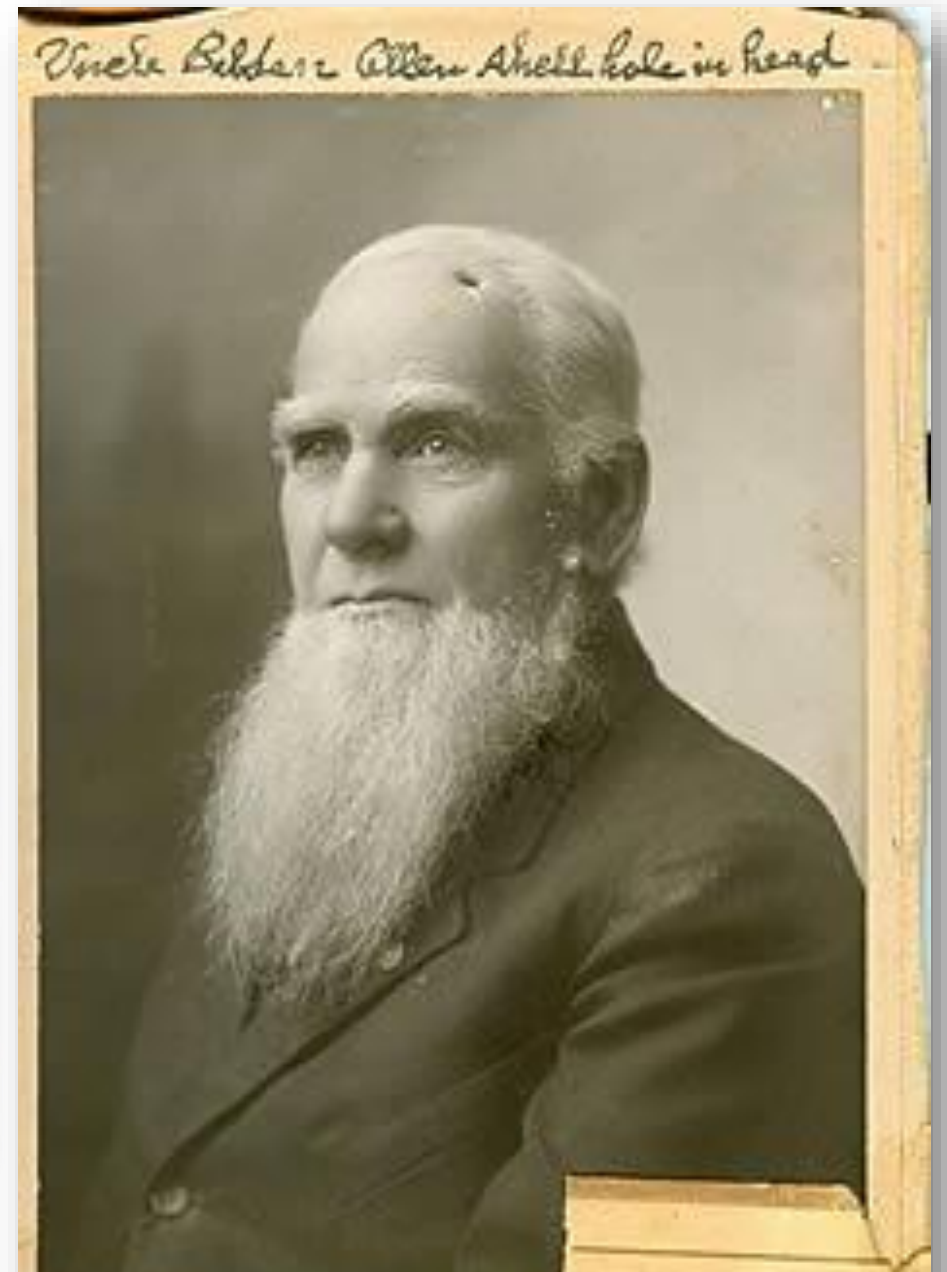
- *Hector L. 1861-1916 m. first Georgia Remelee , second
Julia Hand no children
- * Vernon S. 1873 – 1955 m. Mary Hathbun no children
Allentown c.
- * Ithamer Allen 1868 – 1875 6y.o. Allentown c.



Belden Allen - the man with a hole in his head!



Photos from *FindaGrave*
website entry for Belden



Uncle Belden Allen shell hole in head."

Child of Ebenezer Allen
Belden Allen 1837 – 1916
Wife Eliza J. Green 1839 – 1907
Children:
* Hector L. m. first Georgia Remelee
, second Julia Hand
* Vernon m. Mary Hathbun
* Ithamer Allen 1868 - 1875

25 years old upon enlistment.
Enlisted on 8/27/1862 at Maine, NY as
a Private.
On 8/27/1862 he mustered into "E" Co.
NY 50th Engineers
He was Mustered Out on 6/13/1865 at
Fort Barry, VA
He was listed as:
* Wounded 5/6/1864 (place not stated)
Promotions:
* Artificer
* Corp. 10/1/1864



Belden's farm was located at Dunham road, where Kimberly's greenhouse is today. (Lot 152 Boston Purchase)
Shown is Belden, his wife, Eliza J. Green 1839 -1907 and Mr. Pitcher. The photo ca 1900 was taken by Franck Bowers.

Parents Joseph 1789 – 1866 and Joanna Bundy Marean 1794 - 1862

Lucien B. Marean

May 28, 1818 - December 1, 1888

Buried in Allentown cemetery

Harriet E. Briggs Marean 1828 - 1918

Eight Children:

21 Grandchildren

1. **Marinda E. Marean 1846–1849** Allentown Cemetery
2. **Mary A. Marean Howard 1850–1930** 1 child Floral Park c
3. **Franklin Marean 1852–1856** 6 children Allentown C
4. **Alson Joseph Marean 1854–1923** 3 children Floral Park c
5. **Dewane Frank Marean 1858–1903** no children Newark Valley
6. **Ella Marean Brown 1860–1929** 1 child Floral Park c
7. **Delilah J. Marean Krom 1866–1949** 3 children Vestal NY
8. **William L. Marean 1867–1937** 7 children Floral Park c

In 1866 Lucien's farm was located just **north of Dunham Hill Road**. It was just north of Belden Allen's farm and on the same side of Route 26 (eastern). .

Lucien B. Marean



Allentown Cemetery

Wife of Lucien Marean

Harriet E. Biggs Marean was the wife of **Lucien B. Marean** [1818-1889]. Her family information is unknown. There are **two stones for Harriet Marean**, one in the Allentown Cemetery, Glen Aubrey, Broome, NY and one in the Floral Park Cemetery, Johnson City, Broome, NY. The one in the Floral Park Cemetery is near several of Harriet Marean's children. It is unclear which grave she is in. She was 93 years of age at the time of her death, well past the death of her husband so it is possible her family had her buried in the Floral Park Cemetery and not with her husband in the Allentown Cemetery.

Brothers of Lucien Marean

Lucien B. Marean 1818- 1888 Harriet E. Biggs Marean 1828-1918 8 children Allentown c.

1. Simeon 1813 – 1883 Marena Camp Marean 1816 -1883 Married in 1835 3 children Campville c.
2. Vincent 1822- 1901 Urana Marie Barnhart Marean 1828-1904 Married 1848 5 children Allentown c.
3. William A. 1831-1903 Deborah Jane Allen Marean 1829-1908 Married 1855 1child (died young)
Allentown c.

The Civil War and a Fathers Love of his Son

When **Matthew Allen Jr.** was born on 11 May 1813, in Maryland, Otsego, New York, United States, his father, Matthew Allen, was 40 and his mother, Amy Almy Hill, was 38. He lived in Maine, Broome, New York, United States for about 15 years and New York, United States in 1870. He died on 17 November 1879, at the age of 66, and was buried in Allentown Cemetery, Maine, Broome, New York, United States.

Cyntha Ann Allen was born on 10 February 1816, in New York, United States. She had at least 2 sons with Matthew Allen Jr.. She lived in Maine, Broome, New York, United States in 1850. She died on 16 February 1854, at the age of 38, and was buried in Allentown Cemetery, Maine, Broome, New York, United States.

When **Caleb M. Allen** was born on 14 March 1840, in New York, United States, his father, Matthew Allen Jr., was 26 and his mother, Cyntha Ann Allen, was 24. He lived in Maine, Broome, New York, United States for about 15 years. **He died on 21 April 1865, in Petersburg, Fauquier County, Virginia.** at the age of 25, and was buried in Glen Aubrey, Nanticoke, Broome, New York, United States.

Caleb M. Allen

BIRTH 14 Mar 1840

DEATH 21 Apr 1865 (aged 25)
Petersburg, Fauquier County, Virginia,

BURIAL

Allentown Cemetery

Inscription on tombstone

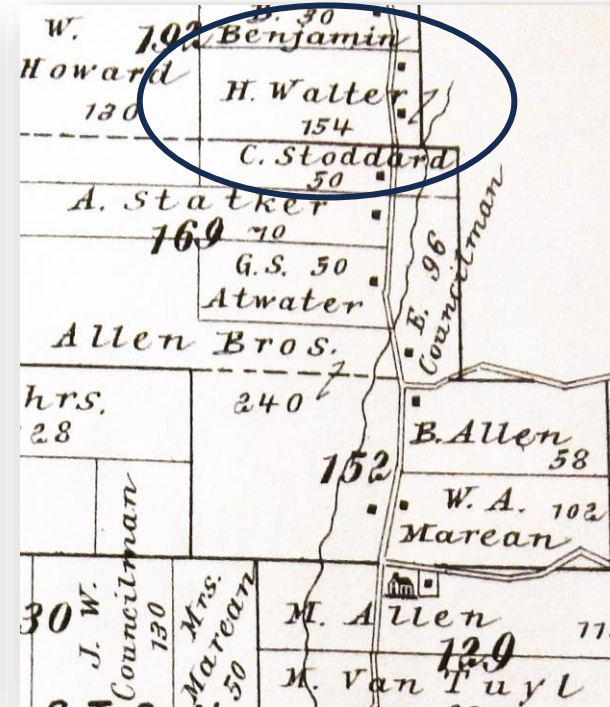
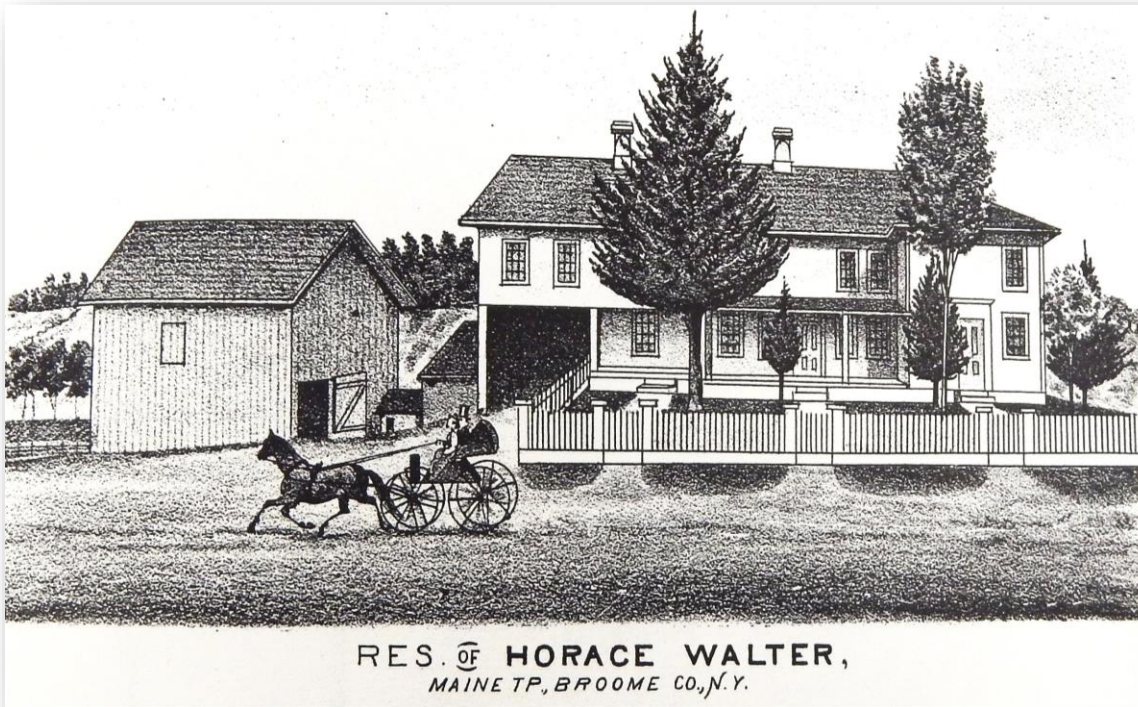
Pvt, Co. K, 109th Infantry Regiment, Civil War

Caleb married Melissa Van Tyle daughter of his closest neighbor to the south named M.A. Van Tyle.

“Caleb M. died in the hospital and his remains were brought home by his father and placed to rest in the cemetery close by the home of his childhood.”
SW

Horace Walter, Jr. Biography

WALTER, Horace, Jr., p. o. Glen Aubrey, born in Nanticoke in 1829; wife, Bertha M. Dickinson, born in 1831, daughter of Rockwell and Serepta (Rose) Dickinson, married in 1862; children three: Edson R., Montague R. and Elnora C. Parents, Horace and Phoebe (Morse) Walter, natives of Connecticut, married in 1814 and settled in Nanticoke; children twelve, seven now living: William, Alvin, Asapah, George, Horace, Lucy J. and Caroline.



North of Dunham Road on State Route 26 is the Horace Walter home. This is a sketch in the 1876 Plat book. Lot number 192 of the Grand Division of the Boston Purchase. **Possibly 3580 State Route 26** on the east side of the highway.



RALPH A. SWEET



Retired Business Executive Was Flying Devotee

Beneath the peaked roof of a small airplane hangar, funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon for Ralph Ambrose Sweet, a 71-year-old retired businessman whose favorite pastime was flying.

Mr. Sweet, a portly, affable man, who made a fortune in a proprietary medicine business, was stricken ill yesterday afternoon. A few minutes earlier, he had landed his own plane on his private airport a short distance from his home, Sweethaven, in Upper Glenwood Avenue.

Two hours later, about 3 o'clock, he was dead—the victim of acute coronary thrombosis.

In his last flight, he was accompanied by Stephen Patka, himself a flier and general manager of Triple Cities Aviation School at Tri-Cities Airport.

PILOTED OWN PLANE

Mr. Patka said he had gone to the Sweet home to check Mr. Sweet's plane, a four-place Fairchild.

He said Mr. Sweet, who returned to the Triple Cities about two weeks ago from a vacation in Florida, suggested that they take a ride.

Mr. Sweet piloted the plane over the new county airport on Mt. Ettrick, then returned to his own airport.

It was while sitting in a chair at the hangar with Mr. Patka that he complained of feeling ill. He said he felt as though his lungs had collapsed.

BORN AT GLEN AUBREY

Mr. Sweet, who was born on a farm at Glen Aubrey, tired of rural life and asked his mother's permission to get a job. He was 13.

His first job was as a painter's assistant. He quit after his boss suggested that he climb a towering church steeple that needed a paint job.

Later, he worked in an Endicott Johnson factory. He tried his hand at the jewelry business in Massachusetts and also worked in a factory there.

About 45 years ago, he bought the foreign division of the Wiley B. Jones Co., which distributed proprietary medicine. He then went to England and built a prosperous business in Western Europe.

He is said by close friends to have been one of the first distributors in England of women's facial cream.

It was in England that he had his first ride in an airplane, an old model that consisted of little more than spars and struts and not far

advanced from the Wright brothers' original ship.

It was in England, too, that Mr. Sweet suffered an injury that was to force his retirement from business. About 1923, he was riding a horse in Hyde Park. The horse was frightened by a piece of paper floating through the air. Mr. Sweet was thrown from the horse. The horse fell on Mr. Sweet who suffered a serious hip injury.

DEVOTED TO FLYING

Mr. Sweet spent most of his time in England between 1910 and 1925. When he returned to this country, he went into semi-retirement. From that time on, although he served his business in an advisory capacity, he devoted most of his time to flying. He also was a successful golfer, shooting in the 70s even in recent years. At his home, which covers 55 acres, he had a four-hole golf course.

Mr. Sweet was a member of the Sarah Jane Johnson Memorial Methodist Church of Johnson City, the Binghamton Club and Binghamton Country Club.

TO LIE IN STATE

His body will be removed from the J. F. Rice Funeral Home, Johnson City, to the small hangar at his airport, there to lie in state until the funeral.

The Rev. Francis Freeman, pastor of the Sarah Jane Johnson Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Allentown, N. Y.

Mr. Sweet is survived by his wife, Mrs. Frances Mayhew Sweet of Binghamton; a brother-in-law, Albert Kraus of Johnson City, and several aunts and cousins.

Honorary bearers will be:

Carleton A. Cleveland, John C. Clark, George H. Hale, Raymond Dewey, Harvey D. Hinman, Asa Dodge, Dr. Frank Moore, Dr. Howard Davis, Dr. Charles Seymour, Hugh T. Beckwith, Roger Atwater and Floyd Penn.

Also, Harold V. Brown, C. Fred Johnson, George W. Johnson, Edwin A. Link, Jr., Dr. William Manning, Albert Rice, Eugene Goding, Duane English, William H. Hill, Sheriff Arlington B. Thatcher, Deputy Sheriff Merle Holmes and Judson Driscoll.

Active bearers:

Ralph A. Sweet's Rites Saturday Afternoon In His Plane Hangar

Even though he was not part of the early history of Allentown, I included him due to the fact that he built the **only mausoleum, ca 1925**, in the cemetery. He was born in Allentown and after a successful business career returned to live here. His obituary states that he had an airport on his property

Ralph Ambrose Sweet

BIRTH 12 Aug 1878

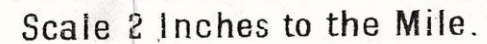
Glen Aubrey, Broome County,

DEATH 4 May 1950 (aged 71)

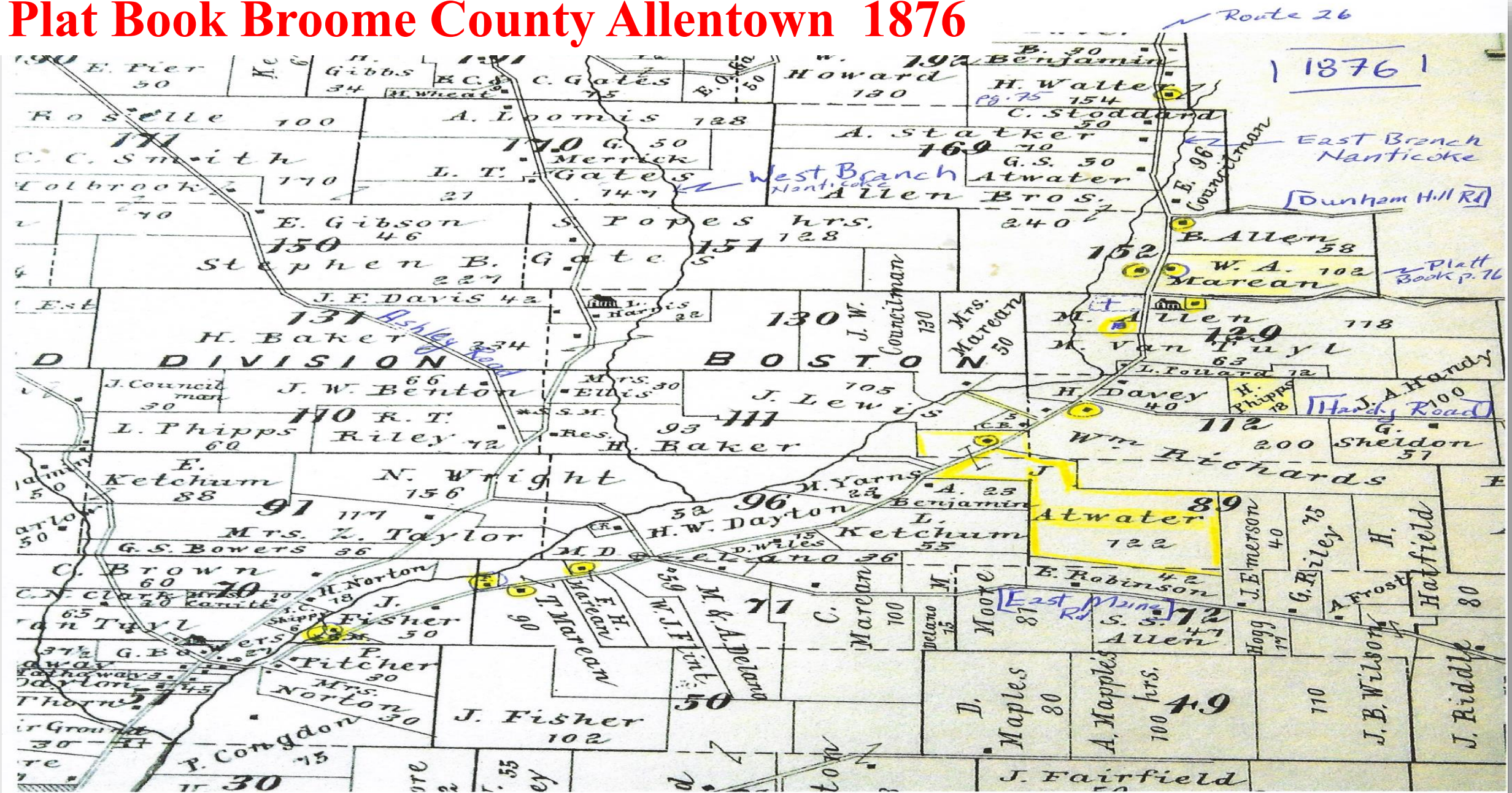
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